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6/9/2020 0:07	Anonymous Constituent	I didn't have the opportunity to attend the meeting last Tuesday. I saw a message on my nextdoor app that we could still send in comments. please cut the SLCPD budget and direct those funds towards educatio. specifcixaly to schools on the West side of Salt Lake City. The budget inequity for schools there is indefensible. In research I was doing last year someone from the zip code 84108 will live 13 years longer than someone from rose park. We must change the way we l'vest in our communities and the people thst live in them. Thank you for your time Ward 6 citizen
6/9/2020 0:57	Emily Glasheen	Dear Council Members it has cime to my attention that you have received requests to reduce the funding of the police in our district. I beg you to use your good sense and not heed these requestsl. Our family chose to live in this area because of the charming streets and proximity to downtown which has been slowly gentrifying over the past several decades. This part of town has seen an uptick of theft and other crimes in the past few years and our incredible police officers have worked extremely hard to address each complaint. This is not the time to reduce the budget through which these men and women earn their livelihoods and care for their families. . it is also not the time to reduce the budget for all the necessary equil'ment required for our police to do their jobs to the best of their abilities. The voices we are hearing so loudly right now represent a small faction of people who are spurred along by the many forms of media which have become so prevalent in our lives of late - much of which is based on rumors and lies and stirs up contempt and hate under innuendo, dishonesty and other falsehoods. These people are lawless thugs intent on inciting contention and shaming people into their virtue signals. WE NEED OUR POLICE FORC!. WE APPRECIATE THEM! We understand that their jobs are incredibly stressful and can be extremely dangerous. Decisions often must be made under extreme circumstances snd none of us are perfect. We need the police to protect us and to help us as rhey do! If our laws are not enforced we have no law and no government. Please DO NOT defund our police force in any way. if any officers are struggling with the weight of their occupation, please use this budget money to assist them with the training they'require to increase their skills or find a suitable alternative. Police work is not for everyone and I for one am so grateful for their work on my behalf and also that of my family! We are especially lucky to have extremely involved officers in our area who communicate with us through many acenues including the Neighborhood App. They must qualify for some extra something to wade through all the petty dribble on that App! Funny how I wish the biggest issue was still dog poop and trash cans. We have fallen so far so fast! Good luck to you all! I don't envy you right now, but truly appreciate your thoughtful consideration to my pleas. Respectfully Yours Emily Glasheen
6/9/2020 1:41	Anonymous Constituent	There is already a need to cover police officers shifts and rell've those working long hours ...we need our safety and security ... there will be more that will come our of the woodwork wanting to do harm and it will be chaos do not defund.
6/9/2020 7:14	sarah goldman	
6/9/2020 7:16	Anonymous Constituent	do not take funds away from our great police and other men and women of service. they are amazing people who fight daily to protect and serve our community. get extra funding and teach officers better way to deal with conflict so tragedies do not happen as often as they do.

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6/9/2020 7:46	Anonymous Constituent	Actions of a few officers doesn't reflect all. i can't bell've this is even up for discussion. We need police officers for many reasons. We the citizens need to stand by them and STOP the politcal crap!! If our politicians can't work for the people they certainly can be replaced.
6/9/2020 7:54	Tiffanie Feher	I want to add my voice to the people asking for the police department to be defunded. I think that the system we have in place right now is not working, espically for minorities. I tell my son regularly, we need to build people up instead of tear them down. it's seems like our police force is made to tear people down. But what if instead we directed the money to programs that lift people up. What if we gave them opportunities? What if instead of people getting shot in the back over 20 times or choked to death, we gave them support. I saw a protest sign from LA about the hours a cosmetologist has to finish school vs a cop. And I looked it up here for Utah. A cosmetologist has to have 1600 hours. A police officer can go to UVU and finish the program with 542 hours. Those numbers are scary to me. At the very least the police need more training, more mental health resources, more outside oversight, and less impunity.
6/9/2020 7:59	Sarah Ray	I supprt defunding the police department and spending more money on social services, mental health services, education, housing as a means to address the systemic rac'l'm that exists in our society. Please make meaningful changes to help black people in our community. thank you
6/9/2020 8:02	Amberly Meeker	we DO NOT support a 30% reduction in funding for the police deartment. we love and support our police officers who keep our city and state safe. we belive reducing the size of the force would lead to more crime and a less safe place to live.
6/9/2020 8:22	Anonymous Constituent	While I do support funding for more social workers, the other parts of this police budget I do not support. Training is ineffective as we've seen and what good will new body cameras do when they don't get used or footage released. A bike squad in the parks? To further criminalize our homeless population? I don't understand how it isn't clear that Salt Lake needs to work towards divesting the police. Salt Lake is a strong, beautiful community and reallocating the police budget into community services will only allow us to flourish that much more. I thought I voted for a progressive Mayor, lets be truly progressive. Thank you for your time.
6/9/2020 8:31	linda harris	I am grateful for our policeman. WHY would We'reduce police funding? This is crazy. We need to take a stand against the thugs and say we bell've in law and order!! Reducing funding for police is just what they want! When my safety is threatened I want to be able to call on police to help. Those against police are stereotyping based on a few bad cops. I will be very very disappointedbif this goes through.
6/9/2020 9:05	Lila Ricks	please please do not dedund the slc police!!!!
6/9/2020 8:53	Amanda wyss	I hold the belief that cutting any police funding would be reckless, misguided, irresponsible, and dangerous. It would slowly turn to anarchy. When my 4 year old whines and throws a tantrum because he doesn't like the punishment he got for breaking the rules, I stick to my guns and follow through. Because giving in to him sets a very dangerous precedent. Giving in to there screaming protestors sets an even worse precedent. We would quickly be overrun with crime. Salt Lake should absolutely NOT cut funding. Thank you.

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6/9/2020 9:02	Laurel Rohlfing	Like school teachers, our police need our full support! They do an amazing job in keeping our community safe. They are in hazardous circumstances every day yet get paid so little, with few other benefits. Please never consider defunding any police department. our lives would be in chaos without them.
6/9/2020 10:46	Trina Perez	I would like to add to my previously sent message that I have forwarded, that reforms the SLCPD have enacted, such as body cams, have not done anything to protect people. Police brutality is still prevalent, and these reforms are not working. I was disturbed and shocked to see Bernardo Palacios shot in the back by police officers just a few weeks ago. We must give him justice, and do something other than put in new reform" policies that are not doing anything to truly address the toxic and pervasive brutality that exists within our OWN police department. Please, I am begging you to consider making real change here by divesting in the SLCPD and re'investing in our communities by supporting community building programs. Thanks for your time. Please see my originally drafted letter below. Trina Perez
6/9/2020 9:49	Will'm Davis	We are totally opposed to any defunding of our police department and the very much needed protection and other services provided through their services. It would be devastating to have these services eliminated during very difficult times when our freedoms are being threatened. We greatly appreciate the police, the men and women who provided much needed service to our community.
6/9/2020 9:38	John Wyss	Good morning, To whom it may concern, I recently learned that Salt Lake's City Council is looking to defund our police force by 30%. I would like to find out more information about this vote. When is this vote taking place? What are the reasons for it? Who can I call and talk to about this? Please let me know if you have any questions, and please contact me as soon as possible at the phone number and email address provided. Thank you.
6/9/2020 9:46	Laurel Conrad	I absolutely oppose this agenda to decrease funding for police officers! They say goodbye to their families everyday/night and walk out of their doors not knowing if they'll ever see them again. They put their lives on the line everyday to protect us!! They deserve more money not less! If you decrease their pay, many will quit, because it may not be worth it to risk their lives and their families lives. They deserve respect and our gratitude for what they face everyday! Why would you even listen to those who want to do this? Minneapolis just had over 46 officers quit and many more to follow. They will soon regret the decision to disband the police force! We cannot let that happen here!!
6/9/2020 10:05	Russ Wood	Hello, My name is Russ Wood and I am a Salt Lake City resident. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because in the days following the Minneapolis police's murder of George Floyd, I have never felt less safe in my city than I did seeing SLCPD using tear gassing & brutalizing peaceful protesters. The presence of the militarized police force and national guard does NOT make a city safe and certainly does nothing to establish the People's trust in SLCPD. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in affordable housing and homeless outreach programs. The homeless population will only continue to grow as our city experiences an on-going housing crisis. Sincerely, Russ Wood

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6/9/2020 10:12	Alicia Snow	Hello, My name is Alicia Snow and I am a Resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I personally think it's important to give \$30 million to new schools, give teachers a 20% raise, give residents free therapy sessions, and can help feed residents. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in new schools, give teachers a 20% raise, give residents free therapy sessions, and help feed residents. Sincerely, Alicia Snow Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 10:16	Caylee Gardner	Hello, My name is Caylee and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I am a white woman. In most circumstances, the police serve to protect people like me (though police responses to sexual assault in my community have been insufficient at best, that is another issue I will leave out of this email for simplicity's sake). But I also understand that the policing system upholds white supremacy, as it has evolved from various forms of slavery, and doesn't aid in protecting people of color. When Black people continue to be brutalized by cops, ask yourself this question: who should be protected? The officer(s) or the group(s) of people who are targeted? It is not enough to reform? the system by giving more money to officers who hold power and can leverage that over Black people (and broadly speaking, people of color). We need to consider reallocating money to community based organizations and social services that serve people and solve issues that don't criminalize people. This could look like funding more mental health organizations, addiction services, aiding those struggling with homelessness, and creating space for social workers, victim/survivor advocates, and other people well equipped to deal with crises (and who have probably studied and practiced longer than most police officers have trained for). I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I know it'sounds radical, but if we keep designating calls for defunding the police (or abolishing police, which I bell've is the end goal) ?radical? ? it will always be a radical idea; unfamiliar, and impossible to put in place. If making drastic cuts to the SLPD sounds radical to you, I urge you to do more research and listen to the voices of marginalized communities and organizations that have demanded this for years. If you read this entire email, I want to thank you for doing so. I hope you will consider these demands. Sincerely, Caylee Gardner
6/9/2020 10:14	Catherine Winslow	Hello, My name is Catherine Winslow and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I see a huge need for funding in our community. I'vestment needs to be made directly to individuals and our communities. Structural disadvantage, pervasive inequality, joblessness, poverty, and inadequate public services are common characteristics of inner-city communities, with higher crime rates. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education for our children. The children are our future and without proper funding they will not and can not succeed. Sincerely, Catherine Winslow

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6/9/2020 10:14	Samantha Gomez	I am a resident of District 4, downtown Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. S 300 W We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utah's during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Samantha Gomez
6/9/2020 10:24	Vivienne Colbert	Hello, My name is Vivienne Colbert and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because they should not be the target of a corrupt enforcement and justice system based solely on the color of their skin. Sincerely, Vivienne Colbert
6/9/2020 10:15	Catherine Winslow	Hello, My name is Catherine Winslow and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I see a huge need for funding in our community. I'vestment needs to be made directly to individuals and our communities. Structural disadvantage, pervasive inequality, joblessness, poverty, and inadequate public services are common characteristics of inner-city communities, with higher crime rates. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education for our children. The children are our future and without proper funding they will not and can not succeed. Sincerely, Catherine Winslow

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6/9/2020 10:33	Viridiana Rodriguez	Hello, My name is Viridiana Rodriguez and I am a University of Utah's student living in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our police system needs to learn how to protect and deescalate situations without being armed. Our residents are dying, getting hurt and being arrested for demonstrating their right to protest. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in health care, education, funding the arts, funding special education classes in schools and fixing our community. Sincerely, Viridiana Rodríguez Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 10:19	Michael Dodd	June 9, 2020 RE: Defunding the Salt Lake City Police Department To whom it may concern: For six years now, I have worked directly with local law enforcement as Chair of Wasatch Hollow Community Council. This includes sitting at roundtable discussions at which Chief Mike Brown was present, working with various District 6 CIU detectives, and having officers attend HollowFest to meet and interact with those who live in the Wasatch Hollow Community. I can honestly say that I am impressed with the direction Chief Mike Brown has taken the Salt Lake City Police Department. He has implemented de-escalation training among his officers, training on recognizing and working with citizens with mental illness, and he has moved the department towards a community policing model. I also saw Chief Brown direct his department with patience and restraint over the last week, even as they dealt with the very few protesters who directly attacked police lines with rocks and water bottles. And through the haze and smoke of it all, I saw Chief Brown and his officers kneeling in support of the Black Lives Matter movement. But even as I type this, the recent killing of a man at the hands of the SLCPD has shocked, saddened, and angered us all. This single incident illustrates ? more than any other ? that the current system is failing us as a community and that something concrete needs to happen. However, slashing the Salt Lake City Police Department's budget will only hinder the needed change. We need to think long and hard about the effect this would have on continued training and the community policing model. We need to think long and hard about how budget cuts would affect both the quantity and quality of new officers. We need to think long and hard about how a lack of funding would prevent the implementation of new policies and procedures in the short and long term. In closing, the SLCPD cannot hire and train quality officers if they lack proper funding. Regards, Michael Dodd Chair - Wasatch Hollow Community Council
6/9/2020 10:25	Vivienne Colbert	Hello, My name is Vivienne Colbert and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because they should not be the target of a corrupt enforcement and justice system based solely on the color of their skin. Sincerely, Vivienne Colbert

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6/9/2020 10:26	Whitney Sanchez	Hello, My name is Whitney and I live in Salt Lake county and frequently spend time Salt Lake City because of its night life and local businesses. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I want to feel safe and know others are safe when I patronize SLC businesses. I want SLC to be and do better. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in mental health services, homelessness resources and clean air, which disproportionately impacts people of color. Sincerely, Whitney Sanchez
6/9/2020 10:22	Vered Heidenfeld	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Vered Heidenfeld Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 10:28	Virginia Pohl	Hello, My name is Virginia Pohl and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public education, healthcare, and housing Sincerely, Virginia Pohl
6/9/2020 10:28	Zoey Bridges	Hello, My name is Zoey Bridges and I am a student and resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education or public transportation. Give our teachers a raise!! Hire my teachers! Get more funding into our school systems! Sincerely, Zoey Bridges Z.MACKELLE



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6/9/2020 10:49	Gordon Worsencroft	Council Members, I am Sergeant Gordon Worsencroft I have been with Salt Lake City Police for 15 years. I am writing you respectfully with concern about the SLCPD and fears your officers have about taking money from the police department. First off I respect each of your opinions and thoughts in regards to what occurred last week with the unfortunate and unnecessary death of George Floyd. That was a tragedy that should not of happened. I also write in regards to the officer involved shooting that occured ten days ago, I can assure you any loss of life is regretable by our officers. I want you as a coucil to know what kind of police department you have. You in all sincerity have probably one of the best departments nation wide. We don't have racist cops, we have very few police involved shootings that are not justified, and we all know that our current District Attorney looks at those cases very carefully. The best analogy I can use to get across my point is this, assuming you are parents. If a child does something wrong due you punish all the kids for that one child's mistake? Is it fair or even ethical to assume that one officer in another State commits a terrible crime that all officers will do the same therfore they should all be punished? Defunding a police department is wrong. reducing the budget is wrong. If you listen to the loud minority demanding our jobs, and the police budget that keeps Salt Lake city'safe you are doing a disservice to the silent majority in this City. You are doing a disservice to the women and men that work diligently to protect you and your families and all those that call Salt Lake City home. If you listen to vandals, lawless savage people that can justify violence, vandall'm and disrespect of our institutions; burn polic cars, injury innocent officers that did NOTHING and you are willing to turn your back on them that serve then we have a bigger problem than an isolated incident that occurred. 1 of 2 *Continued Below*
6/9/2020 10:49	Gordon Worsencroft	2 of 2 *Continued Above* Let the District Attorney do his job. Let the independant l'vestigation conclude, before you give into the crazy demands of those that are impatient and are filled with hate. Remember you reduce the budget you reduce the police training, benefits, and programs that make our officers better and keep them at the professional level that they are operating at. If you start picking on your police department that does so much for this community, and I'might add the overwhelming majority approves of this Department's handling of crime. You are stating that your officers are not worth anything to you, that we are only assetts and not people. When we go to your City council meetings and keep unstable and angry citizens from attacking you because you are doing your job we expect at the very minimum the bennefit of the doubt that we are worth keeping around, that we are worth funding and making sure this great city is kept safe. Please consider all the good this department does for the city and in return makes you guys look good. don't treat us like we don't matter or that we don't have an opinion. Stand strong with both the community and the police department and make things better, don't let people that trash your city, hurt your officers and deface your instituion bully you into radical change. I was on the front lines of Saturday's riot, I was in charge of our officers on the ground. Many of my officers went to the hospital defending the City County Building, the Library and the Public Safety Building and the spread of these anarchists into the nieghborhoods. I'myself ended up in the Hospital. We sacrifice so that you and the citizens don't have to and live a civilized life. Please give us the same respect and don't hurt our institution that serves the citizens of Salt Lake City. We are NOT Minneapolis, we are NOT racists, and we Care about this City. Thank you. SGT. Gordon Worsencroft Park Squad Public Order Unit



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6/9/2020 11:13	Aileen Norris	I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Aileen Norris
6/9/2020 10:32	Celynah Noelia	Hello, My name is Celynah Rangel and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because [INSERT WHATS IMPORTANT TO YOU OR DELETE SENTENCE]. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in [INSERT WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE I'veSTED IN OR DELETE SENTENCE]. Sincerely, Celynah Rangel

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6/9/2020 10:42	Virgilio Cabrea	I am a resident of [provo ]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, [Katheryn ] Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 10:30	Ramon Orlanes	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although the City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ramon Orlanes

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6/9/2020 10:36	Cheryl Holdaway	Hello, My name is Cheryl Holdaway and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in addressing the real needs of our community including I'vesting in education and providing homes for every slc resident. Sincerely, Cheryl Holdaway Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 10:45	Brody Howell	Hello, My name is Brody Howell and I am a STUDENT IN Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because [INSERT WHATS IMPORTANT TO YOU OR DELETE SENTENCE]. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in [INSERT WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE I'veSTED IN OR DELETE SENTENCE]. Sincerely, Brody Howell Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 10:37	Cheryl Holdaway	I have been a resident of Utah County for the past 5 years. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Camille Pace Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 10:32	Rene Gilfillan	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Rene Gilfillan

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6/9/2020 10:32	Dane Hess	Hello, My name is Dane Hess and I live and work in Glendale as a middle school teacher. I am writing in regards to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I hope that as you're considering the budget that you would seriously consider making drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million and reallocate the money to community building services. This is important to me because I would rather see my money be I'vested in building community rather than policing community. I want the young people of color in my neighborhood to have access to high quality opportunities for education, health promotion (including mental), job training, and other programs of social uplift. I know from my conversations with them that they feel the impacts of unwarranted police violence and harassment simply due to their skin color and geographic location within the city. They long for the same things we all do: significant opportunities for themselves and their families. Continuing to I'vest in policing communities of color has the opposite impact I am looking to have with my money. Increased police presence, harassment and violence toward my neighbors and friends is not building SLC and not helping these youth and their families to access all of their potential. I would strongly suggest that you consider shifting these dollars toward local non-profits, programs and small businesses doing great work in communities of color. A lot of great things are already happening. These programs and people need the continued support. Hartland Community 4 Youth and Families, for example, does great work with our youth. Spice Kitchen is also having a great impact. Expanding youth city on the westside would be another idea. More money toward the Suazo business center to help small businesses from communities of color. Anything that uplifts and edifies rather than polices and harasses. I am sure with your combined knowledge, power, privilege and expertise, you will be able to find creative solutions to help build a more just SLC. Defunding the police and reallocating those dollars toward more proactive, creative, innovative and inspired work will benefit us all. Thank you for your time, Dane Hess
6/9/2020 10:32	Suzanne Hansen	Hello, My name is Suzanne Hansen and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am a teacher who often struggles with school funding in the low income area that I work. My students deserve a high end education and I do not want our tax dollars supporting police men who have not protected and served this community effectively. Police are known to criminalize minor offenses and target the black community in Salt Lake City. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public education, rent forgiveness, mental health, the homeless population, drug rehabilitation, higher education access for the Black community, and various nonprofit organizations that aim to help people rather than criminalizing them. The institution has failed people of color and policing them has never solved the root causes of the issue. The institution is inherently racist and it's time to use your position to advocate for change. Are you willing to be on the right side of history? Sincerely, Suzanne Hansen Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 10:35	Sunny Spencer	Hello, My name is Sunshine Spencer and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Sunshine Spencer Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 10:41	Elena Boer	Hello, My name is Elena Boer and I am a Salt Lake City resident. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in programs that support education, health care, and fighting homelessness in SLC to move towards a more equitable and kind society. My heart is breaking for our country. I hope you will hear your residents? demands and do the right thing for our community! Sincerely, Elena Boer
6/9/2020 10:42	Alexi Fitch	Hello, My name is Alexi Fitch and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Alexi Fitch
6/9/2020 10:33	Destinee Montoya	I am a resident of Sandy. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Destinee Montoya.
6/9/2020 10:33	Zachary Alonzo	Hello, My name is Zachary Alonzo and I am a small business owner and professional artist Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important for me because as a POC I bell've that these funds can be better used on school districts with lower income and property taxes. Other areas such as homelessness resources and and availability of mental health help and crisis centers Sincerely, Zachary Alonzo Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 10:34	Alexandra Willl'mson	Hello, My name is Alexandra Willl'mson and I am a resident and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because history proves that the current system of policing is flawed. Nationwide and globally, we are seeing a demand to ending police brutality. Police brutality won't end until we divest in policing and I'vest in community. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in programs to ensure community trust and mental health. Even out the funding in education across all neighborhoods, instead of having the funding for schools based on property tax. I know there are organizations that have given you plenty of steps in which we can I'vest the money to show solidarity with the black and brown communities and put an end to the systemic rac'l'm that is so deeply engrained in society. This can start with you Mayor. Show us that you truly stand with us and will commit to make changes happen. We need actions behind the words you send out. We, as your constituents, are watching closely and won't forget on which side you stood today and in the future. Sincerely, Alexandra Willl'mson
6/9/2020 10:36	Ria Agarwal	Hello, My name is Ria Agarwal, and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because Utah's budget grants an enormous amount of sheer power and authority to the police. In too many situations, we have all seen police officers abuse this power. Instead, I hope you I'vest \$30 million in Utah's public education system. The root cause of many issues such as homelessness and crime is a lack of preliminary and secondary education. Utah has consistently ranked last in per-pupil spending, and we can fix this. Thus, I urge you to adjust the 2020-2021 fiscal budget to accurately reflect Utah's values, aiding children in achieving higher education. Sincerely, Ria Agarwal



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6/9/2020 10:43	Connor Hyde	Good afternoon, Mayor Mendenhall! My name is Connor and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to improve our community. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year while measures are taken to implement procedures that will encourage intervention and protect officers who witness and speak out against police brutality, hold law enforcement accountable by holding them to the same standard that we hold our citizens to, and ensure that our police force are adhering to the policies like those laid out in Campaign Zero (found at <a href="https://8cantwait.org/">https://8cantwait.org/</a> ). This is important to me because not only are our black and brown citizens struggling with feeling safe in the midst of the officers who are meant to protect them, more often than not they feel lost and underrepresented among our predominantly white population. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million towards building up impoverished areas of our city that would find better use for the funds whether it be through improved education infrastructure (paying teachers more, more resources for students, etc.) or creating more ways for people of color to join together and lift each other up through community centers or initiatives dedicated to amplifying brown and black voices. I have faith that you?ll do the right thing and eagerly await the results of tomorrow?s vote. Sincerely, Connor Hyde

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6/9/2020 10:44	Analisa Estrada	Hello, My name is Analisa Estrada, and I am a current resident and have lived in Salt Lake City for 10 years. I have been a homeowner in the Fairpark neighborhood for 7 years, but I have also lived downtown and in sugarhouse. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I have a 9 year old son who needs to know that he is safe in our community. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. The SLC police force has demonstrated many times in the years I've lived here, that their approach to policing our community is unnecessarily violent and focused on people of color. This needs to change. I hope instead, the city I'veests \$30 million in community development, relief, and mental health support. I would also hope to see a plan to move toward community control of law enforcement. Sincerely, Analisa Estrada ____ analisa estrada
6/9/2020 10:38	Elia Flores	Hello, My name is Elia Flores and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I want out community to improve as a whole and would especially help those in need. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million on education, healthcare and housing. Sincerely, Elia Flores Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 10:38	Wade Christensen	I am a resident of Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Wade Christensen Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 10:48	Camie Schaefer	2 of 2 *Continued Above* I understand that they are in fear for their lives and well-being. But the truth is that a police officer is not even in the ten most dangerous jobs in America. And this is not the case of one officer-- this is a question of a system that is dangerous, that even good people are powerless to resist. Take the officers who have stood by while their colleagues brutally responded to situations. I bell've there are good, loving persons who are police officers, but the system in which they work does not share their goodness. As a former college instructor, I had been taught to calm a student who was violent, to walk with and support a student going through crisis, to care for and nourish my community. Why do we expect less of our police force? As a nurse, my friend was spat on, hit, and verbally abused by patients, and yet she responded calmly and safely. Why cannot police officers do the same? Why are our expectations so low for them? I know that there will always be violence towards people in the world. But increasing and enabling a violent, racist, sexist, homophobic, and transphobic police force is not the answer. I have seen through studies, experiments, and the experiences in different countries, that a community force trained in de-escalation, mental health aid, counseling, and more, is what would truly protect our community of Salt Lake City. I hope instead that you I'vest \$30 million you consider funding trained social workers who can support and respond to welfare checks, sexual assaults, and community fears. We here in Salt Lake can be so much more than what we are. It is time that we take back our community from rampant militaril'm and respond instead with education, health, and services for all. Thank you for your kind attention. Sincerely, Camie Schaefer

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6/9/2020 11:18	Tamara Ramos	Hello, My name is Tamara and I am a resident Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because [INSERT WHATS IMPORTANT TO YOU OR DELETE SENTENCE]. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in affordable healthcare for those in Glendale and Rosepark and helping creating a better community by resourcing community projects Sincerely, Tamara Ramos Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 10:49	Chloe Davis	To the Honorable Erin Mendenhall, Mayor of Salt Lake City, My name is Chloe Davis. I am a resident of Salt Lake City and an alumni of Westminster College. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services that we desperately need. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me and my community because these funds could be better used towards services that help our citizens. It is my belief that the police force is in need of desperatereformation, and that tasks that the police currently handle should not be in their purview. We are seeing police officers using violent force against the black community, POC, and protesters. What we need is to reallocate resources, funding, and responsibility away from police and towards community-based models of safety, support, and prevention. Those who respond to emergencies should be those who are best equipped to deal with those crises rather than strangers with guns who escalate rather than de-escalate. I hope instead that you I'veest \$30 million in funding for either medical insurance for Salt Lake citizens and families, fixing our homeless problem, giving teachers a pay raise, or helping solve the opioid problem that our city faces. Sincerely, Chloe M. Davis --

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6/9/2020 10:41	Desiree Anderson	Hello, My name is Desiree and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers. Sincerely, Desiree A.
6/9/2020 11:08	Wendy Diebold	I am a resident of West Jordan. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Wendy Diebold
6/9/2020 10:45	Zachary Pratt	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Zack Pratt Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 11:01	Wiley Adams	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of disproportionately murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? The Black Lives Matter movement IS the Civil Rights movement that's been fought for over 60 years, and you still have a choice to take the side of, and continue giving power to, the oppressor or making a drastic change that benefits all taxpayers, not just the ones funding your campaigns and political decisions - as well as undocumented workers who have basically been performing slave labor, and who are most in danger of the police. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time. -Wiley

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6/9/2020 10:46	Alan Morgan	Dear Salt Lake County Officials- I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Alan Morgan - Alan Morgan
6/9/2020 10:46	Dave Ittis	Dear Mayor Mendenhall and City Council, In response to the recent events including the death of George Floyd and many other People of Color around the country, including the death of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal in Salt Lake City, please consider renaming the Salt Lake City Police Department to the Salt Lake City Peace Department. The change in name would necessitate a change in the positioning of the department to one of keeping the peace in the community rather than one of policing the community. Police officers would become Officers of the Peace. As the council moves forward with its examination of the training and budget of SLCPD, this might be a good time to consider a change of name. Salt Lake City has an opportunity to lead the country in repositioning its law enforcement department to one that keeps the peace, and all the implications therein. Best regards, Dave Ittis Salt Lake City
6/9/2020 10:49	LeNell Heywood	Please do not defund the police. I have been helped so many times from the police and we need their presence and their protection. My family comes to Salt Lake often and we want to feel safe.



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6/9/2020 10:50	Victoria Brennan	I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, [YOUR NAME] [YOUR ADDRESS] [YOUR EMAIL] [YOUR PHONE NUMBER] Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 10:50	Alex Foulger	Hello, My name is Alex Foulger and I am a [RESIDENT OF, WORKER IN, STUDENT IN] Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because [INSERT WHATS IMPORTANT TO YOU OR DELETE SENTENCE]. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in [INSERT WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE I'veSTED IN OR DELETE SENTENCE]. Sincerely, Alex Foulger Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 11:08	Adrienne Eror	Hello, My name is Adrienne and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I feel there are so many beneficial community services that are underfunded that would help aid our community. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in mental healthcare and other resources that would help our community. Sincerely, Adrienne Eror

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6/9/2020 10:53	Waldemar Rasmussen	2 of 3 *Continued Above* All they do is reinforce the concept of powerit's. If such a vehicle is needed for a natural disaster, call upon the National Guard. And, Madame Mayor, please do not pander to everybody that raises a voice in complaint. As citizens we all have a responsibility to recognize that your rights end where my rights begin. I was very disappointed to hear your remarks (at least those shown on television) in response to the police shooting of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. 1 of 2 *Continued Below*I am saddened when any life is taken as all life is precious. But here was a man who was given justice and shown mercy just six or seven months ago when convicted of a robbery. Did he take responsibility for his actions? No. He went out, obtained a gun, and apparently threatened to end the life of another person (with no justice extended to his victim). He then runs from police and ignores a simple command. Why? The family gives the worn out cliché that he was afraid for his life because he was Hispanic. Of course the police officers can reverse that and say they were afraid of their lives because they are police and Mr. Palacios-Carbajal had a gun. I suspect the odds were against the officers as Palacios-Carbajal knew he was facing many, many years in prison after committing armed robbery while on parole for a previous robbery. Look what happened to Officer Lydale when he let down his guard for a moment of time. Notwith'standing that I see "powerit's" in the Palacios-Carbajal family ( based on the frequent use of the phrase "he did not receive justice") I urge you to express sincere condolences to the suspect's family but, at the same time, emphasize that we all have a responsibility to cooperate with law enforcement. Please take the high road of integrity in speech and not the low road of political expediency. And, I agree that the number of shots fired by the police seem excessive but I was not at the scene at two in the morning looking for someone with a gun. On another subject, will you and Council please take back downtown Salt Lake City. Walk the Main Street sidewalk from South Temple to Third South and see the trash buildup. There is construction graffiti all over sidewalks and streets left when underground utilities are marked for some long past construction project. And, the latest joke among us who reside downtown is this. What are the mayor's priorities for downtown Salt Lake? First, keep skateboarders and scooter riders happy. Second, make certain that there is no interference with bike riders on the sidewalks. 2 of 3 *Continued Below*
6/9/2020 10:53	Waldemar Rasmussen	<b>3 of 3 *Continued Above*</b> Third, keep cars and Trax moving. And, fourth, make certain that pedestrians are taken to a hospital emergency room within an hour after being hit by any of the above. On a positive note, thank you for your service to Salt Lake City. I wish you the best during your term in office. P.S. You might find the remarks of the NAACP president, given at the 2019 Convention of the organization, of interest as he discussed the LDS Church hymn, "Come, Come Ye Saints." This hymn was written during a period when members of the Church were driven from their homes in Illinois and Iowa by mobs and there continued in effect an order of the governor of the State of Missouri to "exterminate Mormons." His remarks are applicable to the current situation across the country. It can be found on Youtube with the heading "All is Well." Wallie Rasmussen
6/9/2020 10:55	Brian Clark	I just read your statement regarding the officer shooting of Bernardo Palacio-Carbajal. I am outraged by your comments. This was clearly a criminal running from the police with a gun. He was told 17 times to drop the gun and would not. What a spineless move on your part not siding with the police on this one. I am deeply saddened for the officers that put their life on the line daily to keep the public safe from criminals like this. I hope you review this one and change your statements and stick with the facts of this case verses social pressure of those siding with the criminals.

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6/9/2020 10:55	Abby Fish	I am a resident of Millcreek. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well-documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although the City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Abigail Fish
6/9/2020 10:53	Mindie Walkoviak	Hello, Please consider NOT approving the 2.1 million increase to the police budget for 2021. Now is not the time to increase funds with the expectation that police brutality will decrease. Funding and unlawful policing should not be linked. No increase is neutral action. Thank you, Mindie Walkoviak

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6/9/2020 10:57	Abigail Mcentire	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Abigail McEntire Salt Lake City, Utah

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6/9/2020 10:56	Steven Winters	In response to the call to reduce or eliminate your police department. Wow, with all that is happening nationwide and in our back yards I find this troubling. As the Union President for the police department I have been requesting over and over again to improve the officers pay, to extend the arm of professionalism. Why is it when the going gets tough we start cutting the very force that provides protection for the citizens of SLC. I should point out that the recent civil unrest would have happened no matter what you had in place, the rioters would have damaged the Public Safety Building and other properties much more than they did had we not been there. I'm puzzled we would consider reducing the police budget, when in fact we should be investing in a more professional force. Again, I have been telling each of you to improve the pay, improve the benefits, improve the professionalism this is the future which can spell out success, cutting the budget and asking for public safety to go on auto pilot is simply a plan to reduce public tax payers trust and allow the criminal activity to go unchecked. The recent changes you have seen at the U of U police department is a bold initiative which has not had the time to prove its intent, but the blueprint of operation is to pay you officers well, to take the police profession to a new height. We have seen over and over again reducing police presence does not work. The calls for service still come in, the need for investigation continues, the need for arrests multiply. Low level criminal activity goes unchecked which leads to major offenses and the crime rate climbs. During the recent years, police departments have been struggling to find qualified officers, many departments have gone without officers and they are stressing their manpower, but somehow reducing the police budget is going to make things better? Its time to improve our game, it's time to professionalize our department by improving our force through bold action, investing now will save money later.
6/9/2020 10:57	sadie knowlton	My name is Sadie Knowlton, and I work in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I am asking that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. This is important to me because I believe our community is at a turning point where we are finally waking up to just how much we have all relied on law enforcement to clean up our social ills rather than addressing the root cause. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in education, community outreach, drug rehabilitation, and affordable housing. Sincerely, Sadie Knowlton
6/9/2020 11:11	Patrice Surdi	Hello, My name is Samantha Matsukawa and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we can no longer live within a broken system. reform is not enough. We have the power to create real change in the way our city is policed, and I believe we can create a world where we do not need a militarized police force with a grossly over inflated budget. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in resources for marginalized communities, social workers, housing, public transportation and education. Sincerely, Samantha Matsukawa Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 10:57	Anonymous Constituent	I know its a popular subject right now. a few things. For one, ban the use of tear gas. If you really care about our constitution rights to protest you need to do that because citizens protesting without violence are still being gased by officers. Next, I highly advise you all do your research into poverty and crime rates from other countries. Any place that has done a good job feeding their own has seen less crime, its as simple as that. Do this either by slashing the police budget or reform tax laws. We all know how much money the LDS church has, no fucking reason they cant pay their share. And for the love of god please call for the immediate removal of dictator marmalade
6/9/2020 10:57	Virginia Pohl	My name is Virginia Pohl. I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time
6/9/2020 10:57	Jared Zitnay	I am adding my voice to the litany of comments requesting that the police budget not be used to increase the size of the SLCPD officer ranks. The purchase of new equipment and programs to assist in accountability and oversight are necessary (e.g., body cameras). The council should also consider ways in which non-police organizations and community groups can respond to non-violent emergency needs and transfer funds as necessary to support these initiatives. While defund, disband, and abolish are the buzzwords of this discussion, the reality needs to be the transfer of public funds and resources toward equitable public safety programs that support, rather than endanger Salt Lake City residents. When Police say we should seek reform, not defunding - therefore our community seeks requires less reliance on an armed police force and a necessary transfer of funds to support the policies and programs that constitute reform. it should also be a Salt Lake City policy priority to repeal the amendments in HB415 (2019 General Session) to Utah Code Title 10, Chapter 3, Part 9, that limited the authority of civilian police oversight boards. Community oversight is essential to keeping Police accountable to the communities they serve. Salt Lake City (along with all Utah municipalities) must have the independent authority to establish civilian oversight boards with investigative and disciplinary powers and the authority to require policy change.



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6/9/2020 10:58	Karma Fry	Dear City Council, Please defund the police and I'vest in community programs that reduce crime by addressing underlying causes of crime. Militarized police forces have proven themselves to be destructive to the public and especially to Black and Brown communities. Now is the time to take action in creating anti-racist policies. Salt Lake City has an opportunity to lead the country in positive change! Now is the time to take bold action to protect our most vulnerable citizens. Sincerely, Karma Fry
6/9/2020 11:15	Alex Cooper	I am a resident of Sale Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Alex Cooper

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6/9/2020 11:19	Alexandra Lorenz	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, and have been since 2015. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. This proposition of a raise of the SLCPD budget is disappointing, and had I been aware of this forthcoming I would not have voted for Mayor Mendenhall. We DEMAND that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We JOIN the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We DEMAND a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We DEMAND a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. By spending the money that is allotted to the SLCPD budget to the homeless crisis, mental health care, paying teachers more, the opioid crisis, or increasing public services MANY more lives could be saved - and not lived lost to the murders of black and brown people by SLCPD. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Alexandra Lorenz
6/9/2020 10:59	Adam Crew	Hello, my name is Adam Crew, and I am emailing you with concerns regarding the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I am a resident and student in Salt Lake City, and I am calling on the mayor and leadership to defund the police department! We do not need to allocate more money to the Slcpd to further militarize them, especially given the political climate in this country right now. I bell've that at the very least, 30 million dollars from the police budget should be reallocated to community services that will actually reduce crime over time. Services that help the homeless population, education system, and healthcare! I also bell've there should be a hiring freeze on new police officers. Thank you for your time. Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 11:00	Adam Montgomery	Hello, My name is Adam Montgomery and I am a student at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the police force in the United States is an institution founded upon racist roots. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million into housing and healthcare for the homeless population in our city. Sincerely, Adam Montgomery

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6/9/2020 11:54	Amber Lawvor	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place.
6/9/2020 11:00	Adam Crew	I am a resident of Murray but a lot of people I love live in SLC proper. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Adam Daly

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6/9/2020 11:02	Adam Tye	I am a resident of downtown Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black and brown people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform." We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Adam Tye
6/9/2020 11:04	Adrian Duran	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,

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6/9/2020 11:04	Truc Nguyen Sanchez	Hello, My name is Truc Nguyen Sanchez and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utah's during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Do not forget our poor communities and communities of color who are disproportionate targets of police violence. Justice will only be served when the police are reformed, and this will not be possible until we defund them. Thank you for your time, Truc Nguyen Sanchez
6/9/2020 11:07	Peter Cl'mino	Hello, My name is peter Cl'mino and I am a Resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there are more important things for salt lake to deal with. This includes funding education, and social programs that could potentially help the needy. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in Education, and community programs focused on the needy. Sincerely, Peter Cl'mino

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6/9/2020 11:05	Whitney Barlow	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Defund the SLC police by at LEAST 30 million. We demand a freeze of hiring new officers for the next year as well. Thank you for your time, Whitney Barlow
6/9/2020 11:09	Sydney Michelle Cambra	Hello, My name is Sydney Michelle Cambra and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we need justice, change, reform, and redirection. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in the above listed things. Sincerely, Sydney Michelle Cambra

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6/9/2020 11:05	Adriana Castillo	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Adriana Castillo



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6/9/2020 11:07	Adrienne Krueger	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people, and most recently their horrific murder of Bernando Palacios. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Adrienne Krueger
6/9/2020 11:06	Reid Smith	Hello, My name is Reid Smith and I am a resident, employee, and student at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because reorganized where you put money can help rebuild and stimulate our beautiful community instead of tearing it apart. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, housing, and healthcare. Sincerely, Reid Smith
6/9/2020 11:06	Sonya Gilbert	Hello, My name is Sonya Gilbert and I work in Salt Lake City, specifically in the Northwest Quadrant portion of the city. I also was a long time citizen of SLC for 13 years with Mayor Mendenhall being my city councilwoman. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the militarization of our police has gone too far. It has emboldened police to go after citizens of SLC who are persons of color and who are homeless. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in 20% raises for all teachers or rent relief for those who need it or medical insurance for 5,530 individuals or 2.3M meals for our homeless population. Anything that?s more progressive, enriched and sustains our community. Mayor Mendenhall, My husband, Nathan served as the Sierra Club Political Chair a few years ago and when I met you at a Sierra Club event, you told me to please reach out if I ever needed anything. This is me reaching out to please make this ask for the city I still love to visit and work within. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Sonya Gilbert

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6/9/2020 11:09	Ryan Stephens	Hello, My name is Ryan Stephens and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the SLCPD has had reforms already and attempted reform, while still killing innocent people. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in public education, public health and low income communities. Sincerely, Ryan Stephens
6/9/2020 11:51	Sierra Knapp	Hello, My name is Sierra and I am a constituent of yours. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget at least \$30 million and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is very important to me because as a taxpayer of this city I have felt unsafe and worried for my loved ones due to the increased police brutality. Utah is the state with the highest rate of killing black people which is incredible due to being one of the lowest populations of black people. I hope instead you I've \$30 million into our schools, our homeless population and health care resources. Thank you so much for your time.
6/9/2020 11:10	Aidan Croft	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Aidan Croft

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6/9/2020 11:12	Sandra Zaragoza	Hello, My name is Sandra Zaragoza and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing this email in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there many other areas that need funding. I hope instead you I'vest \$30 million into schools and give teachers a 20 % raise. With \$30 million defunded from SLCPD, Salt Lake City can provide rent relief for 24,291 months or 2,024 years. With \$30 million defunded from SLCPD, Salt Lake City can provide medical insurance for 5,530 individuals or 2,140 families. With \$30 million defunded from SLCPD, Salt Lake City can give 333,333 free therapy sessions. With \$30 million defunded from SLCPD, Salt Lake City can feed residents 2.3 million meals, or 6,322 meals per day. Thank you so much for your time. Sincerely, Sandra Zaragoza

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6/9/2020 11:17	Sydney Perkins	I am a student and teacher in Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Sydney Perkins
6/9/2020 11:10	Yulisa Padilla	I am a resident of West Valley, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Yulisa Padilla

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6/9/2020 11:11	Patrice Surdi	Hello, My name is Patrice Surdi and I am a Student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in the education system. This could be in the form of hiring more teachers, counselors, and increasing their salary. A more educated society with greater resources will have a much greater impact on decreasing violence and making SLC a place where people can be proud to call home than increasing the SLCPD budget to hire more police and buy body cams. Sincerely, Patrice Surdi
6/9/2020 11:11	Ira Hinckley	Hi, I have much concern about how the Mayor handled the rioting. it'seems to me that in order to pander to the mob she delayed implementing measures to stop rioting, looting and vandall'm. Furthermore, even after a mandatory curfew evacuation the rioters were allowed to continue their rioting for hours before being made to disperse. A fl'm hand was withheld by the mayor which only emboldened the mob and caused more serious damage. Additionally I don't bell've our Mayor is supportive of the Police who were the ones who defended our city, the ones who took the brunt of her ml'management and suffered the injuries. Instead of lending them her support she called out for the rioters to make complaints against them. I also question why the protesters were granted permission to gather in huge numbers when the rest of us were required to social distance and stay away from gatherings. Why did they'receive preferential treatment? It appears to me this city is rapidly sinking under this mayor's ml'management. One has only to look at the shambles the vagrants are making of this city. From North Temple to State Street to Liberty Park to Sugarhouse the vagrants are having their way with the city and nothing serious is being done about it, rather she places the blame on the innocents like The Leonardo and throws them under the bus saying they are the abusers of the vagrants when all they wanted to do was to water their lawn and keep their property tidy. Mayor, I bell've it is time for you to resign. Sincerely, Ira Hinckley resident

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6/9/2020 11:20	Perry Martin	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Perry Martin P.s: I'vest in your communities and they won't need policing :)
6/9/2020 11:23	Rob Zi'merman	Hello, My name is Rob Zi'merman and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because of the systemic oppression and bias my friends and colleagues of color experience at the hands of the SLCPD. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in housing programs, mental health initiatives, and social workers to help the most vulnerable in our community. Sincerely, Rob Zi'merman Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 11:13	Aimee Tatton	Hello, My name is Aimee Tatton and I am a resident and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because my students and the people of Salt Lake City deserve more. All residents of SLC should have greater access to health & human services and mental health resources. Nobody should have to live in fear of those who have taken an oath to protect and serve. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in Education, Mental Health support, and other Health & Human Services. Sincerely, Aimee Tatton

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6/9/2020 11:13	Stephen Holloman	Hello, My name is Stephen and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because it is very obvious our public funds are being diverted to brutal militaristic style police brutality that is being subjected upon Utah's and Americans abroad. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public housing, mental health services, homeless rehab / housing, schooling, parks & rec and help establish better ways for the Black community and POC to feel more safe in their homes and neighborhoods. Sincerely, Stephen M Holloman
6/9/2020 11:21	Rebekah Colby	Hello Mayor Mendenhall, My name is Rebekah and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community services to help people rather than criminalize them. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we have spent years allowing the law enforcement institution get away with unlawful acts without punishment. Doctors spend more time training for their credentials to protect and serve their citizens than it take for a cop to maintain a gun to protect and serve. The entire institution needs to be dl'mantled for the betterment of the human race. Black lives do matter and I do not support an institution that does not follow this code of ethics. I do not want my tax dollars supporting the funding for more militarization. The police are not the military?we shouldn't treat them as such. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in social services for mental health, domestic violence, homelessness. And to actual support Black community organizations(which I noticed there was absolutely no funding for). Sincerely, Rebekah Colby Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 11:14	Rachel Schmidt	I am a resident of Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systematic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black People. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform." We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that the real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhouse, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utah's during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. it is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Rachel Schmidt



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6/9/2020 11:16	Sierra Dungan	Hello, My name is Sierra Dungan and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in community based initiatives that will take the place of a militarized police force. Sincerely, Sierra Dungan Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 11:14	Sara Lowe	Hello, My name is Sara Lowe and I am a lifelong resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I DEMAND that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by AT LEAST \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because as we are coming to realize as a nation, the police don't keep us safe. They fail to actually help people in need and instead only serve to further terrorize underprivileged communities. Furthermore there is growing evidence that the nation's police forces are infiltrated by White Supremacist groups. Funding the police only further militarizes them and leads to more unjust and unnecessary deaths of innocent people, especially Black people. It does NOT make our community safer. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in affordable housing initiatives as well as other programs to benefit'salt Lake's unhoused community. Instead of sending police officers to harass and displace the homeless people in our city, which only perpetuates the problem, we should be getting at the source of the issues that lead to people becoming homeless. If you defund the police and rel'vest that money in our community, you will more effectively combat crime in our city. Providing people with basic needs will mean they won't have to resort to illegal means to survive. I urge you to do the right thing for our city and DEFUND the SLCPD and divert those funds to building our community. Sincerely, Sara Lowe

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6/9/2020 11:45	Tess Pepper	I am a resident of Salt Lake City District, I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Susan Kwon
6/9/2020 11:26	Alexis Linford	I am a resident of Provo. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Alexis Linford

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6/9/2020 11:17	Timo Hatzia	I am a resident of Liberty Wells. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Timo H Salt Lake City
6/9/2020 11:18	Alexandra Carlsen	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Alexandra Austin Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 11:19	Alexandria Altuna	Hello, My name is Ally and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million and reallocate the money to community services. These include but are not limited to education, housing, health care, access to food, clean air and water, etc. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the people of our city and our state deserve to be educated and healthy instead of policed and abused by the system. it's time that we make changes that will allow the coming generations to thrive. This starts with DEFUNDING the police and allocating the resources to our community to dl'mantle oppressive, inherently racist systems that were designed to control people of color and vulnerable populations. Policemen are not trained to properly handle situations involving mental health crises, domestic violence, and so much more. This is why resources are needed to create community systems wherein trained professionals would be just a call away, eliminating the risk of use of unnecessary and excessive force or further damage to vulnerable people needing help. I hope the \$30 million can be allocated to fund programs in our community that will build a sustainable future for those generations to come. Thank you for your time. Ally Altuna
6/9/2020 11:23	Alexandria Priest	I am a resident of Utah County who frequently spends time in Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people and other people of color like Bernardo Palacios. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Alexandria Priest

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6/9/2020 11:24	Alexis Fuell	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Please listen to us. Please take action. This is not a partisan issue. Thank you for your time, Lexie Fuell
6/9/2020 11:34	Tanner Sase	Hello, My name is Tanner Sase and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, social welfare programs, and the arts. Sincerely, Tanner J. Sase Pronouns: He/Him/His
6/9/2020 11:20	Sean Newbold	Hello, My name is Sean Newbold and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because black lives matter. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in mental health, homelessness, education or NAME ANYTHING ELSE Sincerely, Sean
6/9/2020 11:21	Rick Patterson	Hello, My name is Rick Patterson and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because Utah has the HIGHEST killings of black men and women by police officers. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in programs that highlight empathy, connection, and meditation as I bell've these programs will significantly lower crimes and eliminate the need for police to be militarized. Sincerely, Rick Patterson

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6/9/2020 11:25	robert wickham	Hello, My name is Robert Wickham and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because systemic racism in our police force is causing undue harm to people of color and has eroded the public trust in police. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in community development of lower income areas and mental health resources. Sincerely, Robert Wickham Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 11:22	Sam Warchol	Hello, My name is Sam Warchol and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. We rank last in per pupil spending. We can stand to abolish police forces and give funds back to our community. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in education, and educational programs. Sincerely, Sam Warchol
6/9/2020 11:20	Alexandria Bennett	I am a resident of district 1. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Alexandria Bennett

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6/9/2020 11:31	Allison Billmeyer	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, ALLISON BILLMEYER
6/9/2020 11:24	Travis Braithwaite	Hello, My name is Travis Braithwaite and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Travis Braithwaite Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 11:36	Summer Sigritz	Hello, My name is Summer Sigritz and I am a resident and student in the working class of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the use of the current budget has NOT served our community the way it should have. We must create more mental health services, social worker services, affordable medical services and affordable housing. We must use this budget to further train the police force, and change the way we incarcerate our community. This is important for our city, as well as our country to make the change for a better future with less violence and discrimination towards Black people, LGBTQ people, Latino people, and underprivileged communities. Please help us change the narrative! I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in more extensive police training and screening, mental health resources, community outreach, medical services, social workers, and reforming the first responders. Sincerely, Summer Sigritz



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6/9/2020 11:24	Sydney Bagley	Hello, My name is Sydney and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am a person with severe mental illness, and I wasn't diagnosed until later in my life after multiple suicide attempts. If we had defunded the police earlier and used that money to put social workers and therapists into schools, I would have been diagnosed a lot earlier. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in education and putting the necessary staff in like social workers and therapists. The other place I would love to see is places to try and fix the climate crisis and promote more sustainable energy, and sustainable products within your offices and throughout the city. Defund the SLCPD. Sincerely, Sydney Bagley
6/9/2020 11:42	Payton Gulley	I am a resident of Millcreek. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Payton Gulley
6/9/2020 11:50	Patrick McDaniel	To Whom It May Concern, I am emailing to demand that drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget be made and reallocated to community services. Salt Lake needs more resources for the homeless, mental health professionals, clean air initiatives, and programs that will benefit the overall wellbeing of the community. This issue is important to me because I've greatly benefited from institutions that have been designed to give myself a great advantage in life, it is time that those institutions become widely accessible for all. I bell've a good way to start is by defunding the police and redistributing the budget amongst community resources. Thank you, -- Patrick McDaniel The Campfire Media < <a href="https://www.thecampfiremedia.com/">https://www.thecampfiremedia.com/</a> > Editor 802-989-2912 < <a href="https://drive.google.com/a/thecampfiremedia.com/uc?id=15NfYejz8GY1xwTMM2TSKXtAdlijYmtTW&amp;export=download">https://drive.google.com/a/thecampfiremedia.com/uc?id=15NfYejz8GY1xwTMM2TSKXtAdlijYmtTW&amp;export=download</a> >

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6/9/2020 11:25	Alexis Hanson	Hello, My name is Alexis Hanson and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there has been interwoven racism in governmental officials for generations. I am sad that there is a continuous struggle between police officers and the communities they're in I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in social services. There are more programs and educated officials for mental health, crime and homeless. Sincerely, Alexis Hanson
6/9/2020 11:28	Rachel Erickson	Hello, My name is Rachel Erickson and I'm a resident of Salt Lake City, 84103. I, as well as the rest of the country, continue to be alarmed by the use of policing to justify unreasonable force in the pursuit of "peace." I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well-documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Rachel Erickson

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6/9/2020 11:26	Stephanie Bass	I am a resident of The Avenues, I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Stephanie Bass [REDACTED]
6/9/2020 11:29	Alisha Aravena	I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Alisha Aravena Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 11:34	Allison McLaughlin	City Council: I am a resident of District 5. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Allison McLaughlin
6/9/2020 11:29	Alison Kimball	I am a resident of House District 25 and Senate District 2. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Alison

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6/9/2020 11:30	Aliya Elander	Hello, I'm a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Aliya Elander
6/9/2020 11:32	Savannah Horton	Hello, My name is Savannah Horton. I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we need an organization that protect all our citizens and the system in place today only provides a feeling of safety to a select few. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into education and giving all teacher a 20% raise. I also wish that you will find a better system to bring safety to the people of SLC without any disparity of who it protects. Sincerely, Savannah Horton
6/9/2020 11:33	James Miska	Dear Amy Fowler, My name is James Miska and I am a local homeowner and business owner. I have come to speak directly, in person, to City Council many times in the past, concerning a variety of important issues. Thank you for being bold and unafraid to make your statement that the police killing of Bernardo Palacio was unlawful and that the police shouldn't go unpunished. I am also writing because I support a \$50 million reduction in the police budget for this coming fiscal year 2020-2021, and for that money instead to go toward other community-serving programs that are not inherently violent, and actually may help people. It is time for a deep reconsideration in how much trust and support (monetary and otherwise) we give Salt Lake City police officers, and we cannot keep funneling I'mense amounts of tax dollars toward them. These dollars are hard-earned from the citizens you serve, of which I am one, and all of us citizens deserve better than we have gotten. I would feel safer if there were less police in our city, and if other community-serving programs were better staffed, housed and equipped, through more monetary funding, I would feel that everyone's quality of life would increase. Not to mention more money for education. I bell've you are interested to hear from your base of voters, and that you will listen. Again, thank you for your honesty. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, James Miska SaltLakeBicycleTours.com < [REDACTED]

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6/9/2020 11:35	Taylor Gallegos	Hello, My name is Taylor Gallegos. I am a resident of Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Taylor Gallegos
6/9/2020 11:45	Taylor Witcher	Hello, My name is Taylor Witcher, and I am a constituent of yours living in zip code 84102. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I fl'mly bell've the police system is overfunded, and strongly suggest the SLCPD's budget be cut by at least \$30 million. All that money should be reallocated into community BUILDING programs, which have been proven to significantly decrease crime rates. Put that money into youth centers, after school recreation programs, art and music programs for schools, theater clubs, summer camps, community gardens. Furthermore, I demand an independent committee be appointed to l'vestigate police incidents where shots are fired. The police must be held accountable for their actions. Police are by no means outside the law, and have been for far too long. Please take the recent protests and nation-wide call for accountability into consideration when voting. Our community depends on it. You have the power to do what's right. No more senseless killing. Enough is enough. In community, Taylor Witcher

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6/9/2020 11:49	Stephen Konkler	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Stephen Konkler [REDACTED]</p>
6/9/2020 11:37	Renae Richards	<p>Hi, Amy, I am one of your constituents in District 7. I wanted to share my thoughts about the apparent rush to defund the police. I do have some questions. First, How transparent are the Salt Lake City and and Salt Lake County police forces? Is information available on officer misconduct? How powerful are the police unions? Do they allow for a two-way flow of information about officer misconduct? What changes could be made to make the unions more accountable? How many reports or issues have there been against officers in the past year? Is this information available to the city council? Available to the news media? Available to private citizens? I think there are steps we can'take toward transparency before we rush to cut budgets and shift resources. I am concerned that we might "throw the baby out with the bathwater" in a rush to reform. It is likely that some changes are necessary, but changes should not have a negative impact on public safety, or officer safety for that matter. As a concerned citizen, where could I go for more information on this issue? How will you communicate results of future discussions on this topic?</p>



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6/9/2020 11:39	Andrea Keselj	I am a resident of Murray District. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Andrea Keselj
6/9/2020 11:38	Andrea Castillo	I am a resident of salt lake county. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Andrea Castillo

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6/9/2020 11:43	Steve Eror	Councilwoman Fowler, I don't know if you remember me. I was one of the residents in Salt Lake that spoke out to on the annexation of my neighborhood to Millcreek. I was working with the Zoning and enforcement team for Salt Lake City. After working with them for a bit, they informed me that "I apologize but these 2 properties are not in Salt Lake City, but in Millcreek. The boarder there is very complex. Their compliance email is millcreek.us/172/Code-Compliance < <a href="http://millcreek.us/172/Code-Compliance">http://millcreek.us/172/Code-Compliance</a> > " When I let them know about those discussions, that Millcreek wanted to annex us, that we stopped that from happening, Julie responded with "I am looking at the city jurisdiction map and it looks like they did." Could this be true? Have we been annexed by Millcreek?
6/9/2020 11:41	Andrew Lam	Hello, My name is Andrew Lam and I am a Citizen, worker, resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've the police are part of a systemically racist construct and should be dl'mantled. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in community initiatives that will help uplift minority voices instead of stifling them. In projects that will provide easier access to education and allow people to grow out of poverty. Sincerely, Andrew Lam

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6/9/2020 11:48	Paige Remington	<p>Hello, I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well-documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Paige Remington</p>
6/9/2020 11:49	Sarah Gilsoul	<p>Hello, My name is Sarah Gilsoul and I am Work in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in preventative programs that promote community development. Sincerely, Sarah Gilsoul Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/9/2020 11:49	Angela Richardson	Dear Amy, As a resident of sugarhouse, I do not fully support the proposals of defunding the police. I agree that some calls would be better handled by a different staff, but I think a pilot program that would try some of these techniques should be tried before we defund the police budget that provides us with the protection from criminals. I want to still be able to walk, shop and enjoy my neighborhood without fear or break-ins. A non-urgent team of social workers can not help me with that at 2 AM when someone is cruising my street. Please keep the funding for the police in place and use other funds to try the ?social experiment?. Angela Richardson
6/9/2020 11:49	Anna Coltrin	I am a resident of Senate District 2. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Anna Coltrin Salt Lake City, Utah
6/9/2020 11:53	Ally Marringa	Hello, My name is Ally Marringa and I am a Salt Lake City resident. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education (grade schools through college), mental health resources, public transportation needs for our canyons, and tackling our homelessness problems. Sincerely, Ally Marringa

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6/9/2020 11:44	Tess Pepper	I am a resident of Salt Lake City and a student at the University of Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Tess Pepper
6/9/2020 11:53	Anna Madsen	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Ut. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. I am asking that you make the decision to cut the budget by 30 Million, not increase it by 2 Million more. Thank you for your time, -Anna Madsen

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6/9/2020 11:48	Angela Robinson	Hello, My name is Dr. Angela L. Robinson and I am a professor at the U and resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because, as history shows us, the police force is a systemically & structurally white supremacist institution that will only continue to cause harm and violence in communities of color, until it is abolished. We already know that reform does NOT work. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million into creating emergency services staffed with health care providers, social workers, trauma specialists, and utility workers who could very easily take the place of the police force. In fact, some of these officers could train to become one of these emergency support workers. There was a time before the police and there will be a time after. Another world is possible. Sincerely, Angela L. Robinson, Ph.D.
6/9/2020 11:45	Leland Rasmussen	I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Leland Rasmussen

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6/9/2020 13:38	Grace Lee	I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Grace Lee Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 11:53	Katie Gentry	Hello I am a recent U of U graduate. I was a Psychology and Social Work major. I am writing to ask that the majority of the funding proposed goes towards education and mental health resources instead or police funding. I would also like to see the funding that is provided to officers to include history of violence and peaceful de escalation tactics. Thank You, Katie Gentry
6/9/2020 11:50	Anna Garcia	Hello, I am a resident of Millcreek. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. A better world is possible. We won't stop. Anna Garcia Sent from my iPhone



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6/9/2020 11:51	Anna Hansen	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I write as a concerned citizen. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council reallocate funds from SLCPD to programs that educate and enrich our city, rather than tear it apart. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that harm, use excessive force and weaponry, warfare tactics and unaccountable racial profiling against the people of this city. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund Care for your community. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Anna Hansen Salt Lake City, Utah
6/9/2020 11:51	Amy Ware	Hello, My name is Amy and I am a RESIDENT OF and WORKER IN Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I want to ensure we don't just focus on one way to help our community but look at all ways the government can help our communities be better and safer. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in teacher wages, medical insurance, free therapy and counseling, and meals for residents who are struggling financially. Sincerely, Amy ware Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 11:51	Anna Harmon	Hello, My name is Anna Harmon. I live and work in Salt Lake City. I am emailing about the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I ask that before Tuesday's vote, the city cut funding to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. My brother is a police officer and a good man. You can both support the people you love and respect and recognize that policing is not the answer to everything, or most things, and that we need to be supporting our communities from the start to prevent violence from happening to those we love and must lift up. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in mental health services, education, affordable housing, and other opportunities to support Black people and other communities of color in the city who deserve to flourish rather than fear the police. Sincerely, Anna Harmon

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6/9/2020 11:52	Amanda Ojala	Hello, My name is Amanda and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in homelessness, education, and transportation. Sincerely, Amanda Ojala
6/9/2020 11:52	Anna Jones	I am a resident of district 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of discrimination against people of color. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Anna Jones
6/9/2020 11:54	allison stapleton	Hello, My name is Allison Stapleton and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in education and affordable housing. Sincerely, Allison Stapleton Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android < <a href="https://go.onelink.me/107872968?pid=InProduct&amp;c=Global_Internal_YGrowth_AndroidEmailSig__AndroidUsers&amp;af_wl=ym&amp;af_sub1=internal&amp;af_sub2=Global_YGrowth&amp;af_sub3=EmailSignature">https://go.onelink.me/107872968?pid=InProduct&amp;c=Global_Internal_YGrowth_AndroidEmailSig__AndroidUsers&amp;af_wl=ym&amp;af_sub1=internal&amp;af_sub2=Global_YGrowth&amp;af_sub3=EmailSignature</a> >

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6/9/2020 11:55	Amanda Hardy	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Amanda Hardy

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6/9/2020 12:00	Alyssa Vierende	I am a resident of Middle, UT. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,
6/9/2020 11:57	Anonymous Constituent	As a resident of District 6 I'm concerned about police defunding. it is my understanding that we are in need of an eastside precinct espically if we have an larger earthquake - not if but when. How will projects like that happen?
6/9/2020 12:13	Audrey Meyer	I am a resident of salt lake city. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Audrey Meyer

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6/9/2020 12:05	Amy Thomson	I am a resident of the 4th District. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Amy Thomson
6/9/2020 12:02	Alyssa Huff	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Alyssa Huff

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6/9/2020 12:13	Makenna Montano	From: Makenna Montano <[REDACTED]> Monday, June 8, 2020 5:04 PM To: Stokes, Jamie Subject: (EXTERNAL) Fiscal Budget 20-21 Hi my name is Makenna Montano, and I am a recent U of U grad and resident of Salt Lake City. I am calling in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. It breaks my heart that \$85 million of our taxpayer money is bleeding through the SLCPD. I demand that the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget for 2020-2021, a MINIMUM of \$30 million. This money should be allocated to emergency housing for the most vulnerable of our community left in the rain. This money should be allocated to public transportation to lower CO2 emissions, and allow more freedom for residents to travel without being reliant on a car. I also DEMAND that the mayor commit to and maintain a HIRING FREEZE for the entire fiscal year. This is important to me because I understand what it feels like to be hungry, and afraid, and alone, jumping from train to bus with hour gaps in their schedules. My friends understand what it feels like to be harassed and brutalized by police who get to go home to a warm bed while they cry in pain sleeping on the streets. The only reason that that is happening is because YOU, the people in power of these enormous resources, allow it to. Enough is enough. Defund the police. Fund the community. Sincerely, Makenna Montano

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6/9/2020 12:07	Amy Whiting	I am a resident of House District 51. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Amy Josiane Whiting (she/her) #BlackLivesMatter
6/9/2020 12:12	Chris Espinoza	Hello, My name is Chris Espinoza and I am a physician in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, clean air, and socioeconomic disparities. Sincerely, Chris Espinoza MD



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6/9/2020 12:51	Carling Mars	Dear City Councillors, Utah has the most disproportionate amount of police killings of Black people (10% of killings vs. 1% of population). The way our police and social programs are set up isn't working. One example of how police and social programs have failed our citizens is the death of Michael Brand. The staff at the Sunrise Metro Apartments called the nonemergency line and told officers that Brand, who was known to have mental illness, was reacting to the death of a friend. An officer was with Brand and making progress with him when a second officer shot and killed Brand. It didn't end up mattering that CIT officers reached the scene first. Brand was still murdered. Imagine if Salt Lake had comprehensive mental health support. Imagine if a social worker, trained extensively in working with people going through emotional distress, had gone with the CIT officer to speak with Brand. Imagine if Salt Lake police officers were required to go through a series of escalation steps before using potentially deadly force. What we have in place now isn't working. It isn't serving our citizens. People experiencing homelessness are treated like criminals instead of being treated with compassion and ensured comprehensive physical and mental healthcare. We need serious, l'mediate change. We need to reimagine what taking care of our citizens looks like; what creating safe streets looks like; what promoting the health and safety of our citizens looks like. It can't look like giving police military equ'l'ment. That's treating a wound to a hand by cutting off the arm. Be the change that takes Salt Lake into a safer, healthier, more prosperous future. Best, Carling Mars

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6/9/2020 12:55	Caroline Wallace	I am a resident of Murray. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Caroline Wallace
6/9/2020 12:14	Audrey Meyer	I am a resident of salt lake city. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Audrey Meyer
6/9/2020 12:14	Eileen Stayner	NO to cutting back on funding for our police dept. EStayner Sent from my iPad

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6/9/2020 12:15	August McCann	Hello, My name is August McCann and I am a teacher, student, and resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the education budget was cut so deeply that teachers are spending the summer cleaning the building ourselves because we cannot afford to pay janitors during the dl'mal due to COVID-19. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into education and community services that will prevent further police brutality. Sincerely, August McCann

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6/9/2020 12:17	Tillie McInnis	Please don't give the SLPD \$30 million. The community needs you to l'vest in it. Please focus this money towards mental health services and support for homeless population and other community interventions that do NOT rely on police. Educators are facing pay cuts and education funding in general is likely to get slashed, how can you ignore supporting education and getting more counselors into our schools? In allocating this money to the police department you are endorsing government-sanctioned violence and the white supremacy that is deeply woven into policing. Please change and do what is right. We can and must do better.

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6/9/2020 12:18	Joshua Ashdown	<p>Hello, There will certainly need to be adjustments in the coming months and years due to all of the uncertainty and challenges we face right now. We understand that and expect it to be handled with wisdom and not emotion. Right now there is enormous pressure to make cuts to the police department by many without actual understanding of the day to day challenges we face. As a sergeant with the department, I have a unique perspective of the way things operate in the field that our administration does not. The administration is who you hear from, not us. I want to give you a few challenges that will be made worse with any massive budget cuts right now. 1. We already do not have enough officers to respond to calls in a timely manner. At most times of the day there are between 10-40 calls for service waiting for an officer with no one available. Cutting our numbers will make this completely unmanageable. Will simply have to stop responding to any property related crime. No burglary calls, vehicle accidents, thefts, vandall'm and similar crimes. We simply will not have time. Do We'really want to tell thousands of citizens each year "We cannot help you with your property related crime. Period." A massive cut in our officers would result in this. The number is so high that we often cannot get to these calls with our current staffing. As a field supervisor I routinely had to call many people to let them know we are very busy and/or cancel calls to make sure I had people available for higher priority calls. 2. Cutting staffing would make Investigations far less productive. I presently work as a burglary and property crimes sergeant and many cases have to be closed because we simply do not have enough hours in the day to l'vestigate even half of these calls. If we cut officers, more will need to leave detectives to be ready in the field for priority calls. It will be to the point that nearly all of these crimes will get closed. Your home gets burglarized, sorry, I don't have anyone to l'vestigate and we didn't have an officer to respond in the first place. You are on your own and just need to file an insurance claim. (Please look at our property crime rates per capita compared to other cities. We are one of the highest in the nation and we do not have enough people to l'vestigate this properly. 3. Cutting wages will have a very damaging effect. The rank and file officers talk to their sergeants not to the administration. What they are telling me is frightening. They are looking for new jobs right now. Many are waiting to see what is done in the next few months and if it is bad enough they will leave, they have had it. That may seem like a good idea for cutting the budget, but when we do need to hire again, we will have very little people to select from after this whirlwind of character assassinations leveled against the profession. Our standards have already had to be lowered which is showing in some of the newer officers we have. I know because I supervise them, not the administration. We are not getting the best applicants, we are getting a person with a pulse to fill spots. 1 of 3 *Continued Below*</p>

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6/9/2020 12:18	Joshua Ashdown	2 of 3 *Continued Above* Sometimes we get luck and find great new people and some are becoming questionable. This will get worse. We need to take care of the officers we have now. Hiring new officers is possibly going to be a nightmare for a while if not forever. 4. Cutting wages will also add to the betrayal that the good officers already feel. For example, I have zero use of force complaints. My record is spotless and if you don't bell've me, please look. I have been awarded Officer of the Year and a First Responded Award by the NAACP. When the riot started, I even received an email from someone I arrested telling me to be safe because they know I am one of the good cops. One time when the department posted something about me online, a man I arrested several times took a moment to say how great I was at helping him get back on his feet. I am the officer you want in the community! I came from a family that sued a police department for brutality that I witnessed it with my own eyes. I became an officer to be the difference and not just talk about it. I put myself on the line to be the officer I would want for my own family. The way things look like they might be going, I will be leaving at my first opportunity in spite of my initial plans to stay and promote further. I have had it, many of my co-workers have had it and if our wages are cut, you will see a ripple effect of people quitting. I assure you of this. Never in the history of our job have we been treated like this. It is the ultimate insult to those of us who are the right kind of cops. The good cops will leave. I will leave. Be careful to retain what you have. You have great cops working in Salt Lake City and they are on the verge of leaving. Many have started to reach out to other agencies and some who have not been here long are seriously considering walking away. Some have reached out to relatives to ask about a possible job in their fields. I have never seen this level of desire to leave the job ever. In the past week there was not one single officer I talked to who had not started to consider leaving, not one! In the past week I have talked to a lot of officers. My suggestion is to simply keep wages as they are for now. Hold and see what the financial situation is as everything settles. I don't want to leave, I really don't. I care greatly for this community and have l'vested many years into the people who live and visit here. My goal is to stay here, continue to promote and continue to help lead officers to be the best they can be and to be the type of officer I would want showing up to help my family. 2 of 3 *Continued Below*
6/9/2020 12:18	Joshua Ashdown	3 of 3 *Continued Above* However, if things get bad enough I will leave and so will others. I have started the process of looking at my options already. 5. You are the collective team that understands how the budget works. Many people pressuring you to cut the police budget do not. it'seems that the wisest reply you can give the crowds that pressure you is that at this time, while the pandemic and riots are going, the costs to the city are simply unknown. No changes can be made until there is more knowledge and any cuts will be made with careful considerations of the facts and not simply from pressure. Emotions cannot rule the budget. You all have a very tough job. I don't envy you. I simply ask that you do not bow to pressure and wait until you know what the financial picture really is. At that point, any cuts you do make can be done more strategically. I think there will have to be some cuts for everyone eventually, but cutting the police budget now just to appease a small group while emotions are high is reckless. The downfall from that will be large for the community. Best Wishes, Sgt. Josh Ashdown



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6/9/2020 12:30	Beth Leo	I am a resident of Murray, UT. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Beth Leo

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6/9/2020 12:24	Aryn Kent	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Please focus on funding education and social work. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, ARYN Kent
6/9/2020 12:26	April Idle	My name is April Idle and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I would like to request that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I am also asking that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into other services and non-profits in our community. Please I'vest in our youth's education along with homeless and mental health services. Sincerely, April Idle Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 12:23	Bailey Carver	My name is Bailey Carver, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City (ZIP 84103). I am commenting in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city makes drastic, lasting cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, allocating the money to community-building services. Let's develop programs and services to I'vest in our community members (particularly marginalized communities) rather than militarizing our police force. I also demand that you maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year due to the ongoing police violence we've seen in the city. This is important to me because I bell've we can make this community safe and supportive to all. I hope you instead I'vest \$30 million in strengthening and building new programs to assist with mental health, domestic violence, homelessness, education, and affordable housing. Let's end the long history of divesting funds from marginalized communities and police brutality and build out resources to develop strong social services instead! Thank you very much for your time. -Bailey
6/9/2020 12:20	Annika Machado	Hello, My name is Annika Machado and I am a resident of Salt Lake City and a student at the University of Utah. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the new mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've that the police department is not serving nor protecting the city, and that the large swath of our budget that they take up would go to better use by putting it into vulnerable communities. I encourage you to listen to Alex Vitale's interview with NPR Codeswitch for more information. I hope you instead I'vest \$30 million into detox, addiction treatment, and supportive housing services. I additionally disagree with any measure of policereform that doesn't defund the department. Thank you. Annika Machado

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6/9/2020 13:03	Tess Bybee	I am a resident of Salt Lake city's 2nd district. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,

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6/9/2020 12:21	Avia Kinard Lewis	<p>Dear Council Member Valdemoros, Our country is becoming more and more aware of the problems in our law enforcement, and how those problems disproportionately and unfairly affect our minority citizens. As a citizen of Salt Lake City, I call on you to do what you can'to tackle this issue. Here are 10 solutions to help police serve our communities, increase the community's trust in police, and reduce the number of wrongful civilian deaths. Greater detail on these solutions, including specific laws, examples of successful implementation in other cities, and studies and statistics on each solution can be found at <a href="https://www.joincampaignzero.org/solutions">https://www.joincampaignzero.org/solutions</a></p> <p>1. Limit use of force.</p> <p>1. Establish stricter standards for police use of deadly force, so that it is used only after all other reasonable alternatives have been exhausted, only when there is an l'minent threat to a person's life, and only (where circumstances permit) after a verbal warning and a reasonable time for the offender to comply with the warning.</p> <p>2. Revise and strengthen local use of force policies with tactics that prioritize de-escalation and minimal force, and make them available to the public.</p> <p>3. Monitor how police use force and proactively hold officers accountable for excessive force, including early intervention systems for officers who use excessive force.</p> <p>2. l'vestigate and prosecute police misconduct independently.</p> <p>1. Cases should not rely on the police to l'vestigate themselves and should not be prosecuted by someone who has an incentive to protect the police officers involved.</p> <p>2. Pass legislation to eliminate the requirement that an officer must "willfully" deprive another's rights in order to be prosecuted.</p> <p>3. Use existing federal funds to encourage external, independent Investigations and prosecution of police killings.</p> <p>4. Establish a permanent Special Prosecutor's Office at the State level for cases of police violence.</p> <p>5. Require independent Investigations of all cases where police kill or seriously injure civilians.</p> <p>3. End ?broken windows? policing.</p> <p>1. De-criminalize or de-prioritize the enforcement of minor offenses that do not threaten public safety.</p> <p>2. Establish enforceable protections against profiling in ?stop-and-frisk? policies to prevent police from intervening in civilian lives for no reason other than suspicion.</p> <p>3. Establish alternative approaches to mental health crises, such as the creation of a team of mental health professionals, social workers and/or crisis counselors to send as first responders to calls involving mental health crises.</p> <p>4. Create community oversight for police.</p> <p>1. Establish an all-civilian oversight structure with disciplinary powers that include a Police Commission and Civilian Complaints Office.</p> <p>2. Remove barriers to reporting police misconduct by requiring officers to give civilians a form with their name, badge number, reason for the stop and instructions for filing a complaint to the civilian oversight structure.</p> <p>5. Increase community representation in police forces.</p> <p>1. Increase the number of police officers who reflect the communities they serve.</p> <p>1 of 2</p> <p>*Continued Below*</p>

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6/9/2020 12:21	Avia Kinard Lewis	<p>2 of 2 *Continued Above* The police should reflect and be responsive to the cultural, racial and gender diversity of the communities they are supposed to serve. 2. Use community feedback via a regular survey to inform police department policies and practices, and use this inform department policies, officer evaluations, and officer pay incentives. 6. Use video to hold officers accountable. 1. Require the use of body cameras that store footage externally, and implement policies that protects civilians' right to privacy and their right to access the footage when lodging a complaint against police misconduct. 2. Enforce the right of the public to record police by banning police officers from taking cell phones or other recording devices without a person's consent or warrant, or from using intimidation or threat of (unlawful) arrest to coerce a person into ceasing fl'ming. 7. Train officers to interact with communities. 1. Require officers to undergo training on topics like implicit bias, procedural justice, mediation, de-escalation, and appropriate engagement with ESL, LGBT, youth, religiously affiliated, and disabled civilians. 2. Intentionally consider 'unconscious' or 'implicit' racial bias by requiring current and prospective police officers to undergo mandatory implicit racial bias testing, including testing for bias in shoot/don't shoot decision-making. 8. End for-profit policing. 1. Ban police departments from using ticket or arrest quotas to evaluate the performance of police officers. 2. Limit fines and fees, and allow judges discretion to waive fines and fees for low-income people or initiate payment plans. 3. Prevent police from taking the money or property of innocent people, and from personally benefitting from seized/forfeited property. 4. Require police departments to pay for misconduct settlements out of the department budget rather than the city's general fund, and restrict general funds for police departments that have gone over budget on lawsuit payments. 9. Demilitarize the police force. 1. End the supply of federal military weaponry to local police departments under the 1033 program, and wherever possible agencies should seek to return the military equi'ment that has already been received. 2. Establish local restrictions to prevent police departments from purchasing or using military weaponry. 3. Restrict the use of no-knock raid warrants. 10. Establish fairer police contracts. 1. Prevent police unions from creating unfair protections for officers, which let them have one set of rules for police and another for civilians. 2. Remove contract provisions, local policies, and provisions in state Law Enforcement Officers' Bills of Rights laws that are barriers to effective misconduct Investigations (like those that allow officers to wait 48 hours or more before being interrogated after an incident, prevent l'vestigators from pursuing other cases of misconduct revealed during an l'vestigation, prohibit civilians from having the power to discipline, subpoena or interrogate police officers, state that the Police Chief has the sole authority to discipline police officers, and more). 3. Keep officers' disciplinary history accessible to police departments and the public. 4. Ensure financial accountability for officers that kill or seriously injure civilians, such as removing contract provisions that require officers to be given paid administrative leave or desk duty as punishment. Thank you for your time and service to our city. - Avia Lewis</p>

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6/9/2020 12:25	Rebecca Parker	Hello Council Member Fowler and Mayor Mendenhall, As a resident of Salt Lake City Council District 7, I'm writing to you to voice my continued support for the Salt Lake City Police Department. I want to feel secure in the knowledge that well-trained, well-compensated, well-equipped officers will be available when I need them (as they have been there for me in the past), and that they will continue to be able to facilitate the peace and safety of my neighborhood and Salt Lake City. As your constituent, I urge you to support the SLCPD, and to support any measures that give the police the resources they need to protect and serve the public. I see the value of additional training, better community integration, better technology, an increased number of officers, and other interventions to reduce the use of deadly force while increasing the effectiveness of law enforcement, and would support additional funding to ensure that such interventions are successfully implemented. I would be happy to discuss my viewpoint in greater detail, and have included my contact information below. Thank you both for your time, consideration, and service to Salt Lake City. Sincerely, Rebecca Parker

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6/9/2020 12:32	Ashley Vitley	Hello All, Attached is a letter I have drafted regarding why defunding the policy is a terrible idea for Salt Lake City. Thank you all for your time. Stay safe. Ashley Vitley
6/9/2020 12:25	Aseeya Grant	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Aseeya Grant

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6/9/2020 12:28	Benjamin Dillion	I am a resident of Salt Lake City (work) and Millcreek (live). I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Benjamin Jacob Dillion
6/9/2020 12:33	Bianca Allen	Hello, My name is Bianca Allen and I am a resident and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Bianca Allen

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6/9/2020 12:29	Ashia Chen	Hello, My name is Ashia Chen and I am a resident Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in departments that need the funding more, especially in regard to communities of color. Sincerely, Ashia Chen

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6/9/2020 12:31	Asilinn Ostergaard	I am a proud Salt Lake City resident of district 1. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Asilinn Ostergaard Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 12:35	Anne Hillam	Hello, My name is Anne Hillam and I am a resident and student of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into social services that uplift and aid the Salt Lake community, such as the education system as well as addiction and mental health services. Sincerely, Anne Hillam
6/9/2020 12:47	Brandon'thurston	Hello, My name is Brandon'thurston and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in programs and trained professionals to help homelessness, mental illness and addiction, childcare and education. Sincerely, Brandon'thurston
6/9/2020 12:37	Ben Wallman	I am a resident of Distict 5. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ben Wallman

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6/9/2020 12:36	Blythe Penn	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, in the upper avenues. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Blythe Penn
6/9/2020 12:36	Anshul Garg	Hello, My name is Anshul Garg and I am a Resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in our teachers and Education. Sincerely, Anshul Garg
6/9/2020 12:49	Caitlin Askew	Hello, My name is Caitlin Askew and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because taking a proactive approach in our community is vastly more effective than a reactive, policed approach. If we I'vest more heavily in our communities, the need for police with decrease. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in improving our public transportation system to meet the needs of the growing population; in affordable housing options to help those experiencing homelessness; and in efforts to save Utah's lands so all can enjoy them for years to come. Sincerely, Caitlin Askew



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6/9/2020 12:37	Boone Hogg	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Boone Hogg

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6/9/2020 12:38	Callie Clontz	<p>To my elected officials, Let me begin by saying how much I respect the work each of you do every day to improve the quality of the lives of the constituents of Salt Lake City. I know it is not an easy job and I appreciate your willingness to take on the responsibility. As a resident of district 24, I am grateful for the many government funded programs I utilize and benefit from often and the role you play in ensuring they continue - including the police. With this being said, I do not bell've anyone is surprised by the loud outcry and pleas to make changes to the way our law enforcement agencies operate. The use of excessive force and the systematic targeting of people of color is and has been an issue all over the world - and Salt Lake City is no exception. It is not only disgraceful for the people we expect to protect all citizens equally, but it is a violation of human rights. This is more than a race issue, it is a police issue. I'm sure you've been given a myriad of potential solutions and I understand drastic change is difficult and slow. However, hearing that the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD'shows me our city counsel is moving in the wrong direction. While I do not bell've we should not completely "defund the police", I do bell've that money spent on military grade equ'l'ment is grossly excessive and sends the wrong message to your citizens. We should not have to feel that our government is gearing up to go to war with its own people. It is imperative that you reconsider the police Department's budget and reallocate the funds to at-risk communities and programs that help constituents directly. I also feel that the requirements to become a police officer are not consistent with the level of responsibility placed upon them. To teach grade school a person must have a 4-year degree as well as teaching certificate. However, to be able to wear a badge, carry a gun, and incarcerate individuals a person only has to spend a few months at the police academy. I would like to see additional trainings in modorating, de-escalation, race-relations, and the use of non-fatal force become required for upcoming and current officers as well as a yearly renewing of these trainings. I bell've it would not only make our citizens safer, but also the officers. I know their jobs are difficult - I definitely could not do it. That is why they need additional support, especially now. It has never been harder to be a police officer, Let's give them a hand. I hope these suggestions are heard and considered. I hope to see lasting change that improves the lives of all citizens from every background, as well as law enforcement officers. Thank you for your time and your service, Callie Clontz</p>

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6/9/2020 12:49	Carl Carbonell	<p>Greetings brothers and sisters in each of your respective posts, My name is Carl Carbonell. I wanted to avoid using any of the email templates being circulated to communicate this point, out of respect for each of you - I'm inclined to bell've that people communicating clearly from the window of their own individual consciousness would do us all a few favors in these moments where we can all tend to shout a bit more than we tend to listen. I'moved to Salt Lake City about five years ago from Nashville, Tennessee and have resided in the beloved central 9th neighborhood for the entirety of my time here. I am thankful to be able to tell you that I'm proud to call this wonderful city home now. I love my neighbors, I love the community I have been welcomed into so generously, and as an artist, I am thankful to bask in the warmth of the wonderful creative family this city enjoys. I have no notion of the stress involved with a government job. I'm a graphic designer for a software company during the day, and the extent of my occupational stress is someone not giving me the dimensions I need for a web banner ad, ha! I don't want to imply that I know how to do anyone?s job better than they do, or that I feel the slightest bit ungrateful for the effort that I'm sure you all extend on a daily basis. Even on my most cynical days, I'maintain a respect and appreciation for anyone who places themselves in the shoes of public service - regardless of what we agree or disagree on. I would strongly like to urge you all, with the utmost kindness, respect and compassion, to reconsider the way our budget is handled - specifically in regards to the SLPD. I also want to be clear that I don't hate police officers. This is not a message written in a pang of emotion, or an angry or bitter response to the tragic events of late. I've had family and friends serve in police forces and sheriff departments all over this country, and I'm not willing to resort to personal hatred as a device to condemn anyone as a human being and fellow soul on this planet of ours. But I would, however, suggest to you that police - as an entity, as an institution, and as a manifestation of ideas over the years - have grown into a singular notion that casts a disharmonious shadow over our community?s connection with our own humanity, and our quest for a deeper understanding and enjoyment of our co-existence. ?Defunding the Police? is perhaps an overly lofty notion, and as is typical with any sort of ?movement,? a slightly clumsy use of words - which are clumsy enough as is. But the root of this urge is sincere, and a symptom of I'mense empathy and compassion for our brothers and sisters who have fallen victim to the growth of what too often escalates into a tyrannical abuse of power. I don't flatter myself quite enough (I do come close on some days though, ha!) to make specific demands. it's neither my job nor my intention to be involved with the actual construction or regulation of policy in this valley, but I want to urge you, with great intensity, to I'vest more of our money in entities that would begin to build a stronger and more robust community for us all to inhabit and enjoy the fruits of. 1 of 2 *Continued Below*</p>

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6/9/2020 12:49	Carl Carbonell	<p>2 of 2 *Continued Above* Affordable housing, improved public transportation, and funding to public schools I think are a wonderful start. My public school teacher friends have no shortage of painful stories of years spent fighting an uphill battle, generally to no avail. The money spent on policing could make an enormous difference in these stories and their outcomes. A more comfortable, compassionate and abundantly inclusive society is sure to grow those qualities in the actual individual members of that society, and begin to bandage the wounds of these turbulent decades. I am under no disillusion that these issues are new. I realize that, as a 32 year old, these pains were well established before my birth. How lovely would it be, though, to finally make real, honest, strides towards healing? I want to encourage you all and bell've in you all to begin this process. Even if we aren't the ones to see it through, I bell've that we can make a true attempt at a real beginning. As the beloved greek proverb says, "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in." (I ain't callin' anybody "old," that's just the way the proverb goes, but you see my point). At long last, I'd like to apologize for being so longwinded. it's in my nature for some reason. And I realize I may drift into lofty ideall'm at times, and this is frankly the first time I've ever felt compelled to write any sort of note to any politician so perhaps this etiquette is questionable? but I can at least assure you that it's sincere. At any rate, I hope this message finds each of you well - given the circumstances, and I would certainly welcome a response from any and all of you to help my friends and me understand where you all are with these issues, what your intentions are (even though I understand they may be ever evolving), and what my community and I can do to help expedite this process in a real, productive, practical, efficient, effective, and day-to-day manner. it seems unfair to demand action without simultaneously asking what actions would be helpful on my part. Thanks again for what you do, and I sincerely wish each of you all the love, kindness, and compassion in the world. Carl M. Carbonell</p>
6/9/2020 12:59	Catherine Arik	<p>I am writing to request that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Catherine Arik</p>

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6/9/2020 12:45	David Campbell	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council, I am writing this letter to urge you to not cut the SLCPD budget. I know that political activists have requested the budget be cut. It is unfortunate that this has happened. There is a clear duplicitous nature to this request. One moment ask that police be comprised of better individuals who are better trained, the next they speak about reducing police resources. No doubt if the budget were cut further criticism would be made that the police are unable to do the job we demand they do. The request reminds me of a child like understanding of politics. Clearly any good institution is self-aware enough to self evaluate and change when needed, accepting input and making appropriate action. That being said it should be noted that the most vocal critics of the police have always been the criminal elements of society. I remember one such conversation with a wanted Neo Nazi I apprehended where he related an anecdote in which he stated he had been previously shot by federal officers. He stated to me that he felt they should not have shot him because although he had ignored numerous previous commands to drop his firearm, he said was going to drop it. This man, an admitted white supremacist, had a very negative view of police. This is not to say there is not room for improvement. We ought to strive for excellence in our role as guardians of the republic. In order for the Salt Lake City Police department remain a premier police entity, we must be appropriately funded. In order to recruit the best people we must be able to compensate well. Right now officers are required to meet POST's minimum of 40 hours in service training every year. We ought to get more training, training costs money. If we intend to have the best officers who respect citizen rights better than other agencies, we cannot cut the budget. One thing should be noted, Salt Lake City Police has a good reputation in the community. I cannot tell you how many people have expressed to me that they feel SLCPD is tops! This reputation is gained by the resources devoted to our department, and it is a reflection on the city council's good decisions to appropriately fund the police. The reputation is also gained by accountability, which is very present in our department. Another thing that has made Salt Lake City Police such a well respected institution is our response to crime in our jurisdiction. Notably SLCPD's response to the Trolley Square shooting is regarded as influential toward modernizing the active killer response throughout the nation. SLCPD investigated Lori Hacking's murder and apprehended the killer, Mark Hacking. SLCPD's response to Mackenzie Lueck murder was exemplary, apprehending and charging the perpetrator quickly. This removed a dangerous subject from the community. Without the appropriate resources these incidents could not have been addressed appropriately. Finally I plead with you to maintain our SLCPD budget so that Salt Lake City can remain autonomous. Budget cuts will no doubt have consequences. The State of Utah looks very closely at Salt Lake City as the State Capital, and a political subdivision of the state. In years past the State Legislature has not been shy about passing laws to address policies they dislike in Salt Lake City. 1 of 2 *Continued Below*</p>

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6/9/2020 12:45	David Campbell	<p>2 of 2 *Continued Above* I fear that budget cuts toward the essential service of the Police Department will invite the State to further remove authority from the city to maintain its autonomy. Let our rally cry be DEFEND rather than defund! It is time to eschew policies that make the citizens and police less safe. This is my plea to you, concerning our budget. Now I'd like to provide you with some of my experiences as a police officer here in the city. I have literally shed blood, sweat and tears for this Salt Lake City community. I remember as a new officer reading the suicide note of indigent mother, she had taken pills. We found her unresponsive and she was transported to the hospital. I shed tears when I read that she had decided to take her own life after DCFS had taken her kids. I remember on a Christmas Eve, a 12 year old shot himself in the head in front of his father during an argument. I arrived while the Fire Department tried desperately to help this kid. I remember the thick bright red blood. I did my best to console a grieving father, to no avail. That Christmas Day, I heard from sanctimonious family members who insinuated horrible things about the police. I was there when a wife had found evidence that her husband was abusing their nieces. After we arrested the suspect. I witnessed an officer offer a hug to this distraught woman, her psyche shattered by the trauma of the day. I saw her sob on his shoulder. I've consoled the survivors who found their family member dead, from suicide, overdose or old age. I've arrested more spouse abusers than I could ever remember. I've found children, small children who found their way out of the house onto the city's streets, to runaways who left their parents in anger. I have been assaulted numerous times by criminals unwilling to face the consequences of their own actions. I have rushed to the aid of officers and citizens who were dealing with dangerous criminals. I've confronted armed criminals. I remember speaking with a pregnant victim at the hospital, she had a high risk pregnancy and she was scared because she had been raped. I tracked the suspect down, and apprehended him. We found Probable Cause and he was arrested. He is in prison today for that rape. I've plead with countless drug addicts on the way to jail. I've admonished them to change their lives. I've provided information on resources and how to get help. I remember the gratitude and also the indifference. I've purchased groceries for a struggling mother. I've watched my wife struggle with the lies told and accepted about police officers. I've felt the love of a grateful community, but I've also felt the disdain of citizens who've prejudged me. I've heard from citizens who told me their lives were saved by other police officers. They thanked me, for my association with such officers. I've shared the pain of every victim. I've recognized the perpetrators as humans, with human rights and human dignity. I can say without reservation I've upheld my oath of office. Thank you for your consideration, Respectfully, David Campbell.</p>



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6/9/2020 12:56	Casey Horvat	Hello, My name is Casey Horvat and I am a resident of and student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public education and mental health services Sincerely, Casey Horvat Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 12:46	Britney Jarvis	Hello, My name is Britney Jarvis and I am a Teacher in a Title 1 Public School in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in our education system and show your support to the students in our community. The idea that budgets may be cut by TEN PERCENT while so much more is being allocated to the SLCPD is beyond despicable. Given the current times, our students will be coming back in the fall with significantly more trauma. By cutting our resources you are not allowing us to help them process and heal. I request that you use this as an opportunity to step up and show our community, especially our students of color, that you care about them! Please, please reconsider your fund allocation and support education!!! Sincerely, Britney Jarvis Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 13:15	Chelsea Bryant	I am a resident of district 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Chelsea Bryant
6/9/2020 12:52	Brok Dixon	I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year.

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6/9/2020 12:56	Bryan Young	<p>Ana, My name is Bryan Young and I work for the city for SLC Media Services (which is known as the TV Department's still). We've met a few times but with COVID being what it is, we haven't been able to interact much, though I interact with Council staff pretty regularly. I'm a resident of your district and I wanted to email you to offer my support of movements to defund the police. I know that money will still need to be spent on the social problems that we task police to do, but we don't need more sworn officers with guns on the street. We need more social workers and support personnel. And why do we need police pulling people over? What if we had fleet pull people with broken tail lights and help them fix them instead of giving them a ticket What if when there was a report of a sexual assault a therapist and social worker responded instead of an officer? What if when there was a drug situation, someone who specialized in that was called in to help instead of making an arrest? There are lots of societal issues we've put on the police that they simply have no business, well, policing. They've already proved this works with social workers and homelessness. Why don't we expand that program? We're tasking them with park security, why don't we expand that to a literal park ranger program (where guns wouldn't be needed) for these things? I think the city council would be perfect for reimagining what these services could look like and we could drastically reduce the number of armed officers in our city and only reserve them for dire situations. We'd likely be spending the same amount of money, but we'd be maximizing our benefit for residents of the city significantly. Thanks for being an excellent representative for our district. I am very glad that I had the opportunity to vote for you. Sincerely, --Bryan -- Bryan Young</p>
6/9/2020 12:50	Carli Bringhurst	<p>I am a resident of Herriman, UT in Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Carli Bringhurst,</p>

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6/9/2020 12:54	Caroline Kellough	Hello, My name is Caroline Kellough and I am a therapist in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because these funds should be allocated to wider community programs that help restore, rather than reproach our communities of color. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in providing more comprehensive mental health services for homeless and underserved populations. Sincerely, Caroline Kellough, CMHC
6/9/2020 12:54	Brooklynn Johnson	I am a resident of Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Brooklynn Johnson
6/9/2020 12:51	Anonymous Constituent	Please do not be fooled that the volume of "Defund the police" feedback you are getting represents any common, normal, mainstream, majority or even plurality of opinions about the responsible use of tax dollars and proper police budgets. The forces of chaos are small, but organized and vocal. They control Utah Twitter in their forceful dominance of that communications channel and just moved over to do the same things to the city council public comment periods. We are counting on you to keep crime low in our city. I can't say if the police have the right budget or where the funding is spent, but no one argues for "Defunding schools" as a way toreform aspects of them that need it. Our police seem to be doing a phenomenal job. They could do a better job enforcing our overnight "camping" ordinances to keep our parks safer, cleaner, and a better community amenity, but other than that, keep up the great work. Thank you.

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6/9/2020 12:52	Caroline deLannoy	<p>I am a resident of council district 6. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Caroline deLannoy</p>

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6/9/2020 12:56	Benjamin Gabe Weeks	I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, -- Benjamin Gabe Weeks
6/9/2020 12:58	Gabrielle James	Hello, My name is Gabrielle James. I am a resident of Salt Lake County and a University of Utah's student. I am emailing in regards to the proposed fiscal budget for 2020-2021. As a resident, I am concerned and frankly confused by the amount allocated to the SLCPD, an organization that has proven itself dangerous to citizens, such as Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal, who was unlawfully and wrongfully executed by the SLCPD. Before the final vote, the city must make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget. I demand that at least 30 million dollars be taken from the SLCPD budget and re'vested into our beautiful community and that mayor Mendenhall maintain a hiring freeze on any police officers throughout the fiscal year. The \$30 million needs to be re'vested into community services, such as COVID19 aid, affordable housing, and implementation of better programs for our unsheltered neighbors. Thank you so much for your time. I hope you will do the right thing. All my best, Gabrielle James
6/9/2020 12:57	Liz Gualtier	I urge you to not even consider this irrational and dangerous move. There is already enough crime we dont need to embolden the criminals.

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6/9/2020 12:57	kassidy koch	I urge you to reconsider this madness. who will citizens call after rape, abuse, shootings, etc. What are your plans for that? Consider policereform. your citizens will move and therefore no tax revenue. crime will skyrocket . you will lose tourist income.
6/9/2020 13:04	Courtney Righter	I am a resident of Millcreek, Utah, and actively involved in policereform across the state. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Courtney Righter



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6/9/2020 13:00	Brenna Moncur	I am a resident of House District 38. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Brenna Moncur
6/9/2020 13:06	Chris Nielsen	We cannot allow the SLCPD to be defunded or allow the budget to be cut for these brave officers. Crime is already an issue in Salt Lake and will most definitely become worse if the police department is defunded or the budget is cut. Imagine the chaos from May 30th occurring all over the city for much of the year, that is what will happen if the SLCPD is defunded or if budgets are cut to the point of the police department barely functioning. Think of the tax paying citizens and businesses in the Salt Lake area who need their government to perform the one function governments are meant to do, protect their people.

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6/9/2020 13:17	Chelsea Klein	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Chelsea Klein

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6/9/2020 13:05	Gaby Torres	Hello, My name is Gabriela Torres and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I feel that the funds would be more of use in different areas of our city than police officers and the SLCPD. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education by giving public school teachers a raise and building and improving public school buildings. Sincerely, Gabriela Torres

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6/9/2020 13:06	Brooke Winters	<p>Mayor Mendenhall and City Council members, There is a nationwide call to either reduce police budgets or defund/dl'mantle them entirely. As a citizen and registered voter who works and shops in the city, I am against any effort by you to reduce the size of the force or eliminate them. At a time when we need additional training for our officers, I say no; at a time when we need to restore public order and public trust, I say no; at a time when we should have greater community outreach, I say no. You are increasing the risk to those citizens who you profess you want to help. Let me suggest, you do more to professionalize the police Department'so you can attract and retain the best. Bring back psychological testing for prospective officers so you eliminate those who would abuse their authority. Salt Lake city'should be the example that all the other departments follow. Salt Lake City is the Capitol city and yet you are asking these officers to do more with less. I'veST in your people, I'veST in more training, I'veST in attracting and retaining staff, I'veST in community outreach to bring officers and citizens together. If you don't you will instead be forced to fix a problem that you don't want. Perhaps you are already there; however, reducing the budget is not the answer. You MUST get to the root of the problem and often the root of the problem is at the top. This is not the time for weak leadership. You also need to ask yourself, how long before the good officers leave? Would you want to work where you were not valued? Would you want to be spit on, yelled at, hit, shot at and killed at the same time your own employer is saying you aren't good enough? I agree we need to do better all the more reason to I'vest instead of reduce. Never forget these men and women are employees of the city. Ask yourself, what you are doing to assist them in doing the job that is required? Or has the job changed? Do you instead want the police to let the suspect with a gun continue to run through the city? What happens if they hurt someone? What happens if they hurt someone you love? Who will you call and how long will you have to wait for help to arrive? There has to be a balance. If you do not find the balance, and continue to pander to only the loudest voices then you will end up with unchecked crime. With increased crime business will leave, good people will move out and you will be a bankrupt city. Cutting budgets is short sighted and will not have the desired effect. Make positive changes that bring people together. Make your city better not vulnerable to those who want to burn it down.</p>

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6/9/2020 13:09	Galen Grantham	I am a resident of House District 35 and Senate District 3. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Galen Grantham

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6/9/2020 13:07	Gala Ostlund	I am purchasing a home in Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Gala Ostlund Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 13:22	Cheyenne Lee	I am a resident of Sandy. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Cheyenne Lee



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6/9/2020 13:10	Charlie Junkins	<p>Dear Council'member Mano, After a week of protests ? and I promise you there are more coming ? I hope the SLC government sees that Salt Lake is not free from systematic rac'l'm. Many are organizing and marching because of their personal experiences with the police here in Salt Lake; others march in solidarity. As you know, the issue stems far beyond four officers in Minneapolis (or Louisville, or Los Angeles...), and is more complex than just the police: systematic bias exists in classrooms, job interviews, and medical clinics. The Grassroots Law Project &lt;<a href="https://www.grassrootslaw.org/plan?akid=281.3669148.eqYsdK&amp;rd=1&amp;souce=ema20200602-281&amp;t=23">https://www.grassrootslaw.org/plan?akid=281.3669148.eqYsdK&amp;rd=1&amp;souce=ema20200602-281&amp;t=23</a>&gt; provides concrete approaches forreform to address the dimension of rac'l'm in police systems, through 6 main avenues: * Defund Police and I'vest in communities * End Police Violence * Establish Independent Oversight * Hold Police Accountable * Decarcerate *reform I'migration There are more details on the website, with concrete points and approaches. I hope you look into the GLP and incorporate some of these strategies into the steps the City Council takes toreform the police department. I also would appreciate if you can help me push these points to the rest of the Council and to mayor Mendenhall, as you and Council'member Wharton were the only two who responded on the mass email. Sincerely, Charlie</p> <p>Dear Mayor &amp; City Council, I'm sure you're aware of the George Floyd case and public reaction currently happening around the country. I'm a black citizen living here in Salt Lake. I am scared, and I am angry. What actions are you taking to prevent police officers from unjustly killing me, my family, or others in the Salt Lake City community? What are you doing? Are you fighting to narrow the allowance of use of lethal force? Are you creating and fostering relationships between the police force and black and other minority communities? Are you calling for anti-bias and anti-rac'l'm training requirements for all police officers? Are you calling for de-escalation training? Are you fighting for diversity in government and police administration? Are you fighting to I'vest in minority education? You are in positions of power. It is your responsibility, and your job to protect your citizens' lives, even from the police. If you do not take action, this will happen in our city. Officers will (and have, I'm sure) kill unjustly, and there will be protests. Sincerely, -- Charlie Junkins</p>

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6/9/2020 13:11	Jason Gardiner	<p>I love Salt Lake City and the Salt Lake City Police Department. My father and his twin brother were cops in salt lake for over 23 years each. After 9 years as a cop myself, I hope to stay here for a very long time and follow in their footsteps. However, Our department is being told that the City Council is working on budget cuts for the police. There is much I could say but here is what I think would hit home for you all the most: With less money, what will the Department's priorities be when it comes to cutting resources or having less of. Many professionals say that body camera storage may be one of the first to go. Seeing that it is extremely expensive. I think the public would be most outraged if we didn't have body cameras. This would be the opposite direction of what the protests are attempting to accomplish. Others think it will be training. Training costs money. Good trained cops are clear minded cops and reasonable cops. I think the public has demanded better trained officers, not worse. Others say it is equal'ment. Hasn't the public demanded we have more less lethal options, better restraint devices, etc, not less. Give us the tools we need, some take them away. If the department decides to hire less cops then we have more burnt out officers who do not even have time to handle the all of the high priority calls, let alone the low priority ones. This was the case 5 years ago and citizens were complaining at a higher rate due to the wait time they had to endure. It was difficult during that time and we have come a long way to staff our department. If you cut salaries, then many will just leave. And the experience that they have will leave with them New cops are more of a liability. You don't want a department full of them. I am a lateral from another department. My old department is hurting for bodies and doesn't pay that much less. They wants a lot of us back. We have had over 100 laterals in the last 5 years. We love this department and what it has stood for. But money to support our families is a big factor for us. I often do not agree with our union's tactics. I feel like we make fair money overall. And don't like when our union focuses too much on money. I've expressed this to them even. However, if the money that fuels the ability to create good cops and keep their moral high, goes away or is cut significantly, how can I feel good staying here. I chose to work in salt lake. I have other options. Right now, SLCPD is my best option and I do not want to give it up. I want to make it better. I want to lead here. I want to help train the less experienced cops and give them the tools they need to do this job right. But without the funding, our hands may be tied. I worked in the gang unit for the last three years. I have been heavily involved in our community and have built trust with those I serve. They need cops with high morale, that feel well trained, and feel supported by their administration and their city council. If the experienced cops leave then you will be forced to scrape the bottom of the barrel. And the liability will be much higher than it is now. Jason Gardiner. Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/9/2020 13:11	Charlie Junkins	<p>Dear Council'member Wharton, Thank you for responding to my email. You were one of the two people who did. I appreciate that you've asked to reevaluate the SLCPD operations and finances, and really thank you for preparing keep me in the loop. I'm wondering what has changed for you now after a week of protesting here in Salt Lake? While many are out in support of Floyd, I think many are also out there because their own experiences with police reflect the issues that lead to Floyd's death. I think it's a clear sign that Salt Lake is not free from systematic racism - in the police department and elsewhere. The Grassroots Law Project identifies 6 avenues to address part of this issue: &lt;<a href="https://www.grassrootslaw.org/plan?akid=281.3669148.eqYsdK&amp;rd=1&amp;source=ema20200602-281&amp;t=23">https://www.grassrootslaw.org/plan?akid=281.3669148.eqYsdK&amp;rd=1&amp;source=ema20200602-281&amp;t=23</a>&gt; *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defund police and invest in communities - Imagine if some of the SLCPD's funding could be directed to improving education, employment, or healthcare for communities that need it most!</li> <li>End police violence - Some cities have already made changes to their policing training, including banning choke-holds. How can Salt Lake improve?</li> <li>Establish Independent oversight - I heard that SLC was going to have town hall meetings, but there need to be many, so that we include diverse perspectives</li> <li>Hold police accountable - the link provided has many specific approaches to this.</li> <li>Decarcerate. - again, please read the link. One that stands out to me is "direct drug sales cases to diversion and treatment programs."</li> <li>reform immigration. - again, many approaches and ideas here in your lap. End family separation. That is cruel and unusual punishment. I will be sending this plan in a follow-up mass email, but I hope you can help me push it, since it feels like Mayor Mendenhall doesn't want anything to do with a community member's voice at the moment as I have yet to receive a response from anyone in her office. Again, I really really appreciate your response. Sincerely, Charlie</li> </ul>
6/9/2020 13:12	Chayse Burrup	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Chayse Burrup</p>

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6/9/2020 13:28	Grace Lundquist	Hello, My name is Grace Lundquist and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am a mental health professional and see the impact that a militarized police force has on Salt Lake's citizens. Additionally, I see the need for expanded services in other areas to keep our citizens safe, healthy, And thriving. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in expanded services such as mental health services, affordable housing, expanded healthcare, improved foster care system, and food assistance. Sincerely, Grace Lundquist Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 13:13	Garrett Whaley	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Garrett Whaley
6/9/2020 13:18	Georgia Peterson	Hello, My name is Georgia Peterson and I am a resident of, worker and student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I refuse to keep seeing our city/state exist as somewhere which adds to the disgusting mistreatment of black people on a systemic, legislative level. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in drug rehabilitation resources and education, and mental health resources and education ? both rampant epidemics in Utah. Sincerely, Georgia Peterson

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6/9/2020 13:23	Chloe K	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Chloe K.

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6/9/2020 13:25	Christina McGinnis	I am a resident of Sandy. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Christina McGinnis

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6/9/2020 13:19	Daniel Buehner	My name is Daniel Buehner, I am a Caucasian American, born and raised in Utah. I love the community here and I feel like now more than ever there needs to be a change to keep this city beautiful place that it is. I would strongly like to urge you all, with the utmost kindness, respect and compassion, to reconsider the way our budget is handled, specifically in regards to the SLPD. I want to be clear. I don't hate police officers and I respect what they do. I have friends that are officers and applaud them for their efforts. But, I would, however, suggest to you that police ? as an entity, as an institution, and as a manifestation of ideas over the years, have grown into a singular notion that casts a disharmonious shadow over our community?s connection with our own humanity, and our quest for a deeper understanding and enjoyment of our co-existence. I would like to urge you, with great intensity, to l'vest more of our money in entities that would begin to build a stronger and more robust community for us all to inhabit and enjoy the fruits of. Affordable housing, improved public transportation, the arts of the community, awareness of racI'm and funding to public schools, I think would all be a great place to start. The money spent on policing could make an enormous difference in these stories and their outcomes. A more comfortable, compassionate and abundantly inclusive society, and begin to bandage the wounds of these turbulent decades. I realize that as a 37 year old these pains were well established before my birth. How lovely would it be, to finally make a real, honest stride towards healing? I want to encourage you all and bell've in you all to begin this process. Even if we aren?t the ones to see it through, I bell've that we can make a true attempt at a real beginning. I hope this message finds each of you well ? given the circumstances, and I would certainly welcome a response from any and all of you to help me understand where you all are with these issues, what your intentions are, and what my community and I can do to help expedite this process in a real, productive, practical, efficient manner. it'seems unfair to demand action without asking what action would be helpful on my part. Thank you for what you do, I sincerely wish you the love, kindness, and compassion in the world. Daniel Y. Buehner
6/9/2020 13:20	Gerry Leonard	Council'man Wharton I live in the Aves and I bell've you are my representative for SLC Council. I have heard that there is consideration by the Mayor and Council to severely cut funding for the SLC Police Department and I wish to express my vehement opposition to this measure. The department already runs on tight budget and limited resources and manpower. More cuts would result in severe loss of manpower and would greatly increase the response time for officers in emergency calls. SLCPD is recognized for their solid community relations and the Citizens Review Board . The restraint and patience with protesters have deescalated numerous situations, probably saving lives of both citizens and officers, and I'm sure the Department will continue to work for more progress for race relations. I urge you, the Mayor and the Council to uphold our officers by not making an reduction in funding to them. I would be glad to hear from you. Gerald Leonard
6/9/2020 13:21	Cheri Rossi	Councilwoman Fowler, I am writing in advance of your vote on the issue of defunding the SLC police department. I won't bore you with my thoughts on the matter as I am sure you are receiving many, many emails. Suffice it to say that this constituent is against the concept of defunding the police. This action is a rush to judgement without any l'vestigation or conversation. I am requesting that you vote NO on this issue. Thank you, Cheri Rossi



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6/9/2020 13:26	Christine Fiscer	I am a resident of Washington County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Christine Fiscer
6/9/2020 13:21	Cheryl Bixby	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Cheryl Bixby

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6/9/2020 13:22	Ghanashyam Bibek Neupane	Hello, My name is Bibek and I am a tax-paying resident and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am a human being and the status quo is fucking brutal to black people in America. I am brown and frankly terrified of police even to call for help and I should not feel this way in a civilized society of 2020. My imagination cannot even fathom the violence towards and dehumanization of our black brothers and sisters in America. SLC has seen its fair share of it? in fact the proportion at which our black neighbors are killed to their population is HIGHEST in Utah of all states. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education and community led support services. We need your courage! We need you to match our passion in streets with drastic/systemic rethinking of protecting community through policies. Sincerely, Bibek
6/9/2020 13:24	Giana Petrichella	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Giana Petrichella Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 13:24	Anonymous Constituent	Do not defund Police!
6/9/2020 13:24	Christie Toth	Dear Amy, Thank you for taking a public stance on the murder of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal! I'm proud to know that my City Council representative will be leading the push for accountability and change. The officers who killed Bernardo must be brought to justice, and the Salt Lake Police Department must be brought under true community control. As budget decisions are being made, please fund communities, not cops. Sincerely, Christie --

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6/9/2020 13:26	Anonymous Constituent	please defund the police seriously the BLM protest allowed me to commit crime with no police. just think of how much damage I can do night after night of zero police? obviously this is a joke. I have committed no crimes. why? because we have a police force. take that away and what do we get? because if I have to defend myself and my property it will be to my death. I will not bow to the mob and allow my hard work to be taken advantage of. this isn't California as hard as you are trying to turn our once proud state into it.
6/9/2020 13:26	Heidi Brooks	
6/9/2020 13:29	Ciera Perry	I am a resident of District 3. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ciera Perry

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6/9/2020 13:31	Cindy Surfs	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Cynthia Shaw
6/9/2020 13:56	Colleen Haggerty	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Colleen Haggerty Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 13:46	Gracie James	Hello, My name is Gracie James and I am a resident and student is as alt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into the community through new programs that begin to take over some of the responsibilities police currently hold, in order to better serve us with more specialized responses to different kinds of emergency situations, and better support our BIPOC residents. The mayor's office must become educated on the intricacies of defunding police, and listen to the people it was built to serve. Sincerely, Gracie James

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6/9/2020 13:36	Rich Clawson	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council members, My name is Rich Clawson and I work for the police department. I have been an officer for 24 years and have been with the city for the last four years, and I have enjoyed my career, for the most part. Before I was hired with Salt Lake I heard great things and after getting hired I have been able to see those great things. I was so impressed that I reached out to my friends and asked them to come join me. Also my oldest son was hired last October and is in the field training phase right now. When I say I have enjoyed my career for the most part I really do mean that. I enjoy helping people that cannot help themselves. I have been in some very dangerous situations throughout my career. I spent a year in Afghanistan as an international police advisor, 10 years on the SWAT team in Weber County and so forth. The riot last Saturday was one of the worst calls I have been involved with. We had a riot while I was in Afghanistan and I felt safer during that situation than I did Saturday. Sunday morning when I heard the Mayor and Chief give their press conference I was sick to my stomach and felt so betrayed. I was dealing with so many emotions from the riot and so relived that I made it home to my family, whom I voluntarily left on my day off to respond and assist with the mayhem. Hearing the Mayor ask for complaints of excessive use of force was shocking and disheartening. Officers put their lives on the line to protect people and property from those who seriously hate us, for the uniform we wear and the government we work for, and this is the thanks we get. The protests continue and I volunteer again to come in on my day off and leave my family. During your last council meeting numerous people asked you to defund the police department and cut the budget. I am not sure what you will do without us standing the line between you and the evil that is out there. Evil does exist and I have been fighting it for over 20 years. I have seen things that no one should ever have to see. I have heard mothers pleading with me to save their child who had already passed away. I have helped pull mangled bodies from horrific vehicle accidents. I have been spit upon, shot at, rocks and other items thrown at me but yet each day I put that uniform on and stand the line for those who cannot. So many People say they can do it better. It is easy for the public to armchair quarterback from the safety of a building or take days, weeks and even years after the incident to say what was done, in that split second, was wrong. 1 of 2</p> <p>*Continued Below*</p>
6/9/2020 13:36	Rich Clawson	<p>2 of 2 *Continued Above* I would like to invite you to ride with me and my K9 partner and see first hand what it is we do and how the public treats us. Although I am eligible to retire it has not crossed my mind, until the mayor's press conference and hearing that folks are asking you to cut the police budget and defunding us. Who will run towards the danger and risk their lives for the innocent? Not too many want to be police officers and I cannot blame them. It has become unpopular for elected officials to openly support law enforcement and the vocal, minority, crowd is not afraid to speak their mind. All we hear is negative, even from the people we work for. There are many in the same situation I am that can retire and most of them are in leadership positions and have a wealth of knowledge. That amount of knowledge cannot be replaced overnight, it will take numerous years. Nationally law enforcement cannot get enough people to apply to fill the open spots they have. I hope that each of you look at everything and ponder about what decisions you are faced with. Getting rid of us or cutting our numbers is not the solution. We need you to back us just like you need us on the front lines fighting the evil that threatens our city and citizens. My personal phone number is 801-940-6882 and it is on 24/7 and I will be happy to chat with you. Again I give you an open invitation to all to come ride with us and see what we are faced with each day. Thank you for your time in this matter. Respectfully, Rich Clawson</p>

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6/9/2020 13:37	Cody Haisley	Hello, My name is Christopher Haisley and I am a resident of Millcreek, UT and previously a resident of Salt Lake City, UT. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am a fi'm bell'ver that the police force uses their funding to further a corrupt and abusive system. Many countries in the world have shown us examples of law enforcement policies that not only cost less and preserve the life of those they have pledged to serve, but have seen reductions in crime rates. As a lifelong citizen of Salt Lake City, I am appalled by my tax dollars funding a system that instills fear and suffering in so many. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in our severely underfunded public school system, of which I am a graduate of. Additionally I would like to see a portion of these funds allocated to drug rehabilitation programs, as the current laws serve only to put sick people in prison and provide further illegitimate funding for the corrupt law enforcement institution. Sincerely, Christopher Haisley
6/9/2020 13:42	Grace-Nelly Tshitoko	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Grace-Nelly Tshitoko
6/9/2020 13:40	Grace Mayernik	Hello, My name is grace Mayernik and I am a resident and business owner in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we need to see clear change made. I?d like the \$30 million to be I'vested in the future of Salt Lake City and my children. Sincerely, Grace Mayernik Sent from my iPhone



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6/9/2020 13:43	Cole Jones	Hello, My name is Cole Jones. I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of our city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for our community, and to drastically minimize spending on Police. It is unconscionable that 1/3 to 1/2 of the city's budget is going to the police department. This does not align with the values that I have as your constituent and I demand that you and other city officials work together to draft and approve a budget that diverts funds from the police department and reallocates them directly to benefit those in need. Defunding the police and restructuring the budget is an absolute necessity now more than ever. Police perpetuate a pattern of excessive violence and force, especially directed towards Black People and their communities. The police refuse to hold their own accountable and this is unacceptable. We are in the middle of a global pandemic that has killed 100,000 Americans and more than 40 million people have filed for unemployment. Healthcare workers are without proper equi'ment and essential workers are not being fairly compensated or protected for the great work they do. We don't need more police, we need more social safety nets. Funds intended for police would be better off being sorted to initiatives that Enrich our public schools and students Provide more affordable housing and mental health care initiatives Protect and bolster our parks Support small businesses struggling due to COVID-19 Provide cheaper and cleaner modes of public transportation Our nation is grieving the deaths of Black Americans that were murdered at the hands of police officers who have yet to be held accountable. While the police department has more funding than it knows what to do with, we have communities who desperately need funding and every day they don't receive it their quality of life worsens. Thousands have died who did not need to. You have the ability to change this, so do it. Sincerely, Cole Jones

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6/9/2020 13:45	Tiffany Cole	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council, My name is Tiffany Cole. I'm currently work in a civilian role as a Victim Advocate for the Salt Lake City Police Department- although I've only worked for the Department'since February 2020. I'm writing regarding police funding for SLCPD- with hopes that I can offer an outside view of how this would affect my Victims and the citizens of Salt Lake City. I previously worked as a CPS worker in the Denver, Colorado area. I worked in partnership with about 11 different law enforcement departments throughout the cities in and around Denver. Out of respect for these cities and their police departments- I will try and share concerns without naming specific cities, so forgive my awkward wording in doing so. Funding made a huge difference when comparing cities that were directly next to each other. To expound on this- it was apparent which cities had enough funding to fully train their officers before sending them out on the job. The cities with more funding, had officers who made less mistakes and less knee-jerk reactions daily while on patrol. The less-funded cities? officers often showed a lack of training that was also noticed in the community, and by partners who worked with them. The officers in these under-funded cities were known in the community to be overworked, quick to anger, quick to use aggressive tactics, and often had adult and child victims who complained about their ability to ?be heard? by these officers. To make another point, the cities that had less funding, resulted in fewer officers or lower paid officers- and often showed a high overturn in officers, and fewer seasoned officers. This is partly because other cities would pay more, and I'vest in their officers- so the officers with the most experience, self-control, and talent would leave the poorly funded cities. There were times when even as a CPS worker- I would dread calling dispatch for police assistance in these certain low-funded areas. The reason being that I didn?t know if the officers would remain in control of themselves and/or if they?d be able to keep me/others safe during the interactions. On the other hand, there were times I would be very excited and grateful to see that a case was in the jurisdiction of a well-funded, well-trained police department. <b>1 of 2</b></p> <p><b>*Continued Below*</b></p>

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6/9/2020 13:45	Tiffany Cole	<p>2 of 2 *Continued Above* Another point to consider is that the cities who had less police funding had higher crimes rates, lower housing values, and longer response times to emergency situations. When I decided to change jobs- there were Victim Advocate jobs open in the Denver area. However, I knew through my previous interactions with the Salt Lake City Police Department, that this is where I'd like to work with police. This was because the police officers showed great respect, self-control, and empathy to their communities and those they worked with. Speaking currently, the first people who are going to suffer if police budgets are cut- are my Salt Lake City Victims. Police officers, civilian workers at the department, myself- if we needed to, we could all find new jobs elsewhere that meet our needs for our families. But Salt Lake city's Victims- who have no idea that they'll become victims tonight, tomorrow, a year from now? They are the ones who will suffer the most. They are the ones who need to be protected. I implore to think of those you love- your friends, your daughters/sons/parents/cousins, and even that cute little 3 year old stranger who smiles at you as you walk down the street. The people of Salt Lake need to be protected. If you look at Psychology, and Maslow's hierarchy of needs- people don't thrive until their basic needs are first met. One of these basic needs is Safety. I think very highly of Salt Lake City, even in the short time that I have lived here. And I would hate to see the city take a turn for the worse, to first become less safe, and in turn have the business industry/other components of the economy be stuck in a downward spiral- simply because the basic human need for safety cannot be met. Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns. I'm available if you have any questions, or anything that you'd like clarified from this email. Respectfully, Tiffany Cole</p>
6/9/2020 13:55	Cole Kiser	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD of \$83 Million, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Cole Kiser</p>

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6/9/2020 13:51	Anonymous Constituent	This is ridiculous that you people would even consider this...take this off the table and move on to things that help, not hurt Utahans. Bell've me, this will impact whether or not you remain in office. Be careful on what side you choose.
6/9/2020 13:49	Devvon Hines	If you defund the police department that riot that you had downtown will be a daily thing. Do not take away funds from the police department. support them because without them who are you going to call for help when you are robbed, raped, attacked or criminalized. Do not let these criminals change your mind. Our police force is full of good people.
6/9/2020 13:48	Greyson Gyllenskog	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Greyson Gyllenskog Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 13:49	betsy brown	the idea that you would even consider defunding the very people meant to protect us is ridiculous! i hope you all recognize the stupidity of this move.
6/9/2020 13:50	Hailey Thomas	Hello, My name is Hailey Thomas, and I am a resident and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Hailey Thomas

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6/9/2020 14:06	Dakotah Reyes	I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Dakotah Reyes

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6/9/2020 13:52	Haleigh Larmer	I am a resident of Utah's Second District. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Haleigh Larmer 687 2nd Avenue #3, Salt Lake City, Utah hlarmer@gm.slc.edu 406-570-3158 Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 13:57	Connor Harris	I am a resident of Salt Lake City district 3. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Connor Harris



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6/9/2020 13:57	Anonymous Constituent	To Whom it May Concern: This whole call defund the police is ridiculous! You will not have anyone to protect you or the citizens of this great state if the police are defunded. They work hard for our safety! it seems strange to me that this whole thing regarding George Floyd and Breanna Taylor is being blown out of proportion! Yes it was tragic, but there are so many other situations that never get attention, oh wait that is because those people are white. What about the violence toward police officers who are doing their jobs with honor and courage? They put their lives on the line everyday for us! ALL LIVES MATTER! Do not defund the police.
6/9/2020 14:01	Anonymous Constituent	Hey, you need to know that many of us think that the root cause to lack of accountability in any police department is not related to excess funds. it's related to incompetent leaders who are not held ACCOUNTABLE by their incompetent leaders.. it comes from the TOP DOWN... it requires vigilance and high standards and cutting funds is only a political move to make a statement to those who oppose you..... please do not even "CONISDER" this fake solution to a real problem.
6/9/2020 13:58	Corinne Gentry	Hello, My name is Corinne Gentry and I am an educator Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I fl'mly bell've that there is a better way to protect lives. Police culture endangers lives! I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in social services that meet the needs of the many crises for which police are called, while being untrained and apathetic. Sincerely, Corinne Gentry Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 14:07	DALE ENGGASS	Dear Mayor Mendenhall and Council members, I am a resident of District 1 in Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black and Brown people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. I am writing to demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. I join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. The city must have a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utah's during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, taking at least \$30 million from the police budget, and redistributing that money to community-led public health, harm reduction, and affordable housing programs. it's long past time to address the underlying causes of crime and poverty. These socio-economic issues can no longer be outsourced to the police. On this matter, public opinion is overwhelmingly with me. Thank you for your time, Dr. Dale Enggass

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6/9/2020 13:59	Corinne Edwards	Dear SLC Representatives, My name is Corinne Edwards and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. This is important to me because the safest communities don't have the most cops, they have the most resources. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in: * Public Education * School counselors, after-school programs, trauma services, anti-violence programs * Homeless Programs * Affordable Housing They, plus many other community enriching programs, would significantly benefit the community on a much broader scale and offer SLC a longer positive trajectory. I look forward to having more pride in my local government. Sincerely, Corinne Edwards
6/9/2020 14:09	Diego Pisciotta	I am a resident of HD36 I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. it's time for a community based system. Thank you for your time, Diego Pisciotta

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6/9/2020 14:00	Corinne Larsen	I am a resident of Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Corinne Larsen,
6/9/2020 14:03	Courtney Sanford	Hi Everyone, My name is Courtney Sanford a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've that if we can reallocate funds towards causes like education, combatting homelessness, public health safety, and mental health professionals we will find ourselves in a much safer and positive community to be part of and can avoid the acts of violence that have overtaken our country and have been perpetrated by our police force. Sincerely, Courtney Sanford
6/9/2020 14:00	Cortnie Racine	Hello, My name is Cortnie Anne Racine and I am a resident of Draper city Utah, worker in south salt lake, and a student at SLCC in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers. I hope instead, you \$30 million dollars in education. Sincerely, Cortnie Racine Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 14:02	Courtney Johnson	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Courtney Leigh Johnson Salt Lake City, UT 84108
6/9/2020 14:07	skyler mcallson	Are you guys actually considering this? This is the dumbest thing I have ever heard. I'moved away from California to get away from all the idiot politicians and now your all hopping on the bandwagon? Absolutely ridiculous.
6/9/2020 14:09	Daniel Watson	Hello, My name is Daniel Watson and I am a resident of Salt Lake City and an employee at the Universityof Utah. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I urge the city to make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million before Tuesday's vote, and reallocate the money to community building and other important social services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. SLC does not need more police, and given what we saw with police violence last week, police should be reprimanded and significantly defunded. This is important to me because I do not bell've that more money, especially taxpayer money, should go toward funding an institution that does nothing but deliver violence to a significant portion of our population. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in ANYTHING ELSE, from funding for homeless shelters and services, to MORE MONEY FOR SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION - this money can be better spent in ways that research shows is more beneficial to fixing major societal issues and injustices than a violent, essentially paramilitary, police force. Sincerely, Daniel Watson, MA
6/9/2020 14:09	Anonymous Constituent	We as American citizens demand that this corruption stops! Keep the Police force here in Utah and stop defunding them! They serve a purpose for all & not all police officers are bad, period!
6/9/2020 14:11	Daniel Baron	It has been brought out that today the Mayor of Salt Lake City and certain ciry council members were meeting to discuss defunding rhe Salt Lake Police department. Those men and women put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe. They get very little support and even less respect and gratitude for their daily sacrifce. As a registered voter i want to make it perfectly clear that I DO NOT support any effort to defund our police force.

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6/9/2020 14:18	David Bain	Hello, My name is David and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing you about the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget and reallocate the funds to government services that better serve the community. I find it disturbing that Salt Lake City found \$82 million in funding for the police department last year, yet Utah ranks last in the states for spending per pupil. I find it disappointing that Salt Lake City, a city known for its wonderful connection to the outdoors, spends more than 10x as much on the police as it does on parks and public lands. I strongly bell've that, as a young and rapidly growing city, Salt Lake City has the opportunity to bloom into an economic and social centerpiece of the west in the coming decade. But doing so requires us to l'vest heavily in education, health services, and other programs that actually support and grow the people of SLC. America is watching. Help Salt Lake City continue its momentum by defunding the police and instead l'vest in the long term health of the city. Thank you, David
6/9/2020 14:12	DANIEL LARRINAGA	Dear Mayor and City Council, I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I am writing to demand that the city adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing by redirecting excessive funding from the police while enacting measures that aim to reduce racial profiling and unnecessary police violence. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of violence and harassmtent toward minorities. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? Therefore, we are demanding that our voices be heard now and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need here in Salt Lake City is necessary now more than ever. Increasingly, our city's disenfranchised, including the homeless, Black, indigenous and people of color, are experiencing unwarranted harassmtent by the SLCPD with sometimes fatal outcomes. We demand that the City Council redirect funding from the SLCPD as we join the calls of those across the nation to establish a budget for targeted initiatives and programs that adequately and effectively meet the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when life and livelihood are on the line. In short, we demand a budget that supports community wellbeing rather than empowering police forces that threaten to tear them apart. It is your duty to represent your constituents, so I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year and to fund #CareNotCops (to reduce the violence of policing and build up community care). It is our the city's best interest to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with us and our community. Thank you for your time. Respectfully, Daniel R. Larrinaga

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6/9/2020 14:13	David Davis	<p>Dear Mayor Mendenhall, Rep. Wharton, and the rest of the City Council, I appreciate your consideration and work in this stressful, fast-paced moment. I know you're under tremendous pressure from many different constituencies. I also know that the phrase 'defund the police' sounds alarming and radical. I quickly wanted to make sure you were aware that the idea is not as radical as it sounds. Another way to look at it is that we've put far too much burden on our police departments. If as a society we better funded our social support networks, education systems, and healthcare systems, a lot of our policing needs would disappear, and would be replaced by a more just, enjoyable, and prosperous society for all. This may sound pie-in-the-sky, but the data shows that police departments do not achieve their intended goal, and simply balloon in cost while creating more incarceration costs as a result. I would rather spend that money positively than defensively and ultimately, destructively. Think of defunding the police as a goal that our spending can shape an evolution toward. I think this CNN article does a good job of outlining the concept, while avoiding advocacy or bias: <a href="https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/06/us/what-is-defund-police-trnd/index.html">https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/06/us/what-is-defund-police-trnd/index.html</a> Instead of looking to policereform (which doesn't work &lt;<a href="https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/may/31/the-answer-to-police-violence-is-notreform-its-defunding-heres-why">https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/may/31/the-answer-to-police-violence-is-notreform-its-defunding-heres-why</a>&gt; ), instead focus on how we can extricate police from elements of law enforcement where they aren't needed, and have actual qualified workers and functional systems take care of those problems. I'll provide two examples in traffic violation and mental health/social health response. In either case, armed enforcement creates more issues than it solves. It is true that sometimes responding to these situations escalates to where violent enforcement is required. But in that case, there are simple solutions. In traffic and transportation, simply remove the process where routine traffic stops involve criminal history checks, and you'll never have to worry about ticketing officials getting hurt in the line of duty. Fishing for warrants from broken tail lights is an incredibly inefficient and unjust way to deal with crime and drug trafficking, anyway. 1 of 2 *Continued Below*</p>
6/9/2020 14:13	David Davis	<p><b>2 of 2 *Continued Above*</b> For motor vehicle violators who are non-compliant, we could record their behaviour and use our already robust tracking and identification systems around motor vehicles to follow up and enact fines, remove licenses, or impound vehicles. In short, city employees with cameras, not guns, could do the vast majority of transportation-related police work better than our current militarized law enforcement. For mental health, substance abuse, and education/youth based issues, social workers should be the first responders, not police. They could be educated and prepared to intervene in an informed matter and de-escalate situations when possible. In both traffic enforcement and mental health response, first contact workers could 'escalate' calls to a smaller armed police department in the event of a real dangerous emergency, but the aforementioned steps would minimize these encounters rather than exacerbate them. The idea that one officer should be qualified to respond to an emotionally distraught teenager, a schizophrenic having a bad day, a civil protest, and a violent criminal is unrealistic. Instead of overburdening that (police) system and increasing its already bloated budget, why aren't we educating our youth and providing state and federal resources for people in need? I strongly urge you to think boldly and creatively in this decisive moment. We could be a city that moves toward a better future for all American citizens, instead of doubling down on the fear that has created an unjust system for many. Thank you, Davey Davis</p>

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6/9/2020 14:13	Dillon Peterson	I am a resident of Willard, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Dillon Peterson
6/9/2020 14:14	DeAnne Greene	ABSOLUTELY AGAINST DEFUNDING OR REDUCING FUNDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT !!! Please consider increasing or re-allocating funds for improved training of law enforcement and/or considering alternatives to the variety of issues to which law enforcement responds that may be better served by other agencies. DeAnne Greene
6/9/2020 14:14	Deziree Rinquest	what is the alternate? military? This is out of control. This shouldn't even be an option. support our men abd women in blue.
6/9/2020 14:14	Paul Zuniga	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Paul Zuniga!



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6/9/2020 14:16	Brandee Downes	<p>Hello council Members, Please see my attached Letter. Sgt Downes To Whom it may concern, My Name is Brandee Downes. I have been a Police Officer for 13 years and a Sergeant for just over two years. I grew up in Rose Park?Morton Meadows, to be exact-- one of the most diverse areas in Utah'something that I've always been proud to be a part of. I grew up with a mother who was addicted to drugs and was raised not only by her but by a second family. This Hispanic family took a big part in raising me. While growing up in Rose Park, I faced a lot of trauma, from my parents being addicts, losing family to suicide, to friends getting shot and killed, to being a witness to multiple murders, and having been a victim to abuse. But the one thing I loved about Rose Park was its diversity. Rose Park opened my eyes to the one beautiful thing about humans--we are 99 percent the same (scientifically proven), and only .04 percent different, and that difference should be celebrated. That seems to be the thing Rose Park did was celebrate its diversity. Rose Park was not perfect, and I had my share of pain, but I decided 13 years ago to protect the community that raised me. I did not want to just talk about change; I wanted to be part of the change. I no longer live in Rose Park, but I do protect it and ask anyone who loves Rose Park, Glendale, SLC to join the force to help in its protection and growth. Since I left Rose Park, I joined the Military and will be retiring with 20 years of service- a force of diversity. I have graduated College with two master?s degrees in clinical psychology and Marriage Family therapy. I only share because my lifelong drive has been to bring people together, for us to grow as a nation, and I share this passion with my husband. We have eight kiddos, ?three Caucasian kids, two are part Hispanic, three are black/Polynesian/Caucasian kids, two adopted, and we are involved in the LGBTQ community. My husband, I met him in the police department. He is a Black/Polynesian American officer who also wants to build a relationship with our community. He joined the force to bridge the gap and the divide that is occurring in the city. Cutting the budget will NOT help with this. Cutting the budget will not help us reach the new laws that the NAACP help push forward- to hire a more diverse police force, cutting the budget means a freeze on hiring. A budget cut will hinder the growth within the community. Why? Because that is who we serve. I come into work each day with a backlog of calls for service. Cutting our budget will only delay our response to the Domestic Violence call where a spouse is being assaulted, and their children watch, it will not help us get to the child abuse case, the theft case, the burglary case, the robbery case, the child molestation case, the rape case, the missing child case, the shots just fired calls, the aggravated assault case, the stabbing just occurred case, the traffic accident with or without injury case, the suspicious person case, the noise disturbance case and it will NOT free up any time we need to build a relationship with our community.</p> <p><b>1 of 2 *Continued Below*</b></p>

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6/9/2020 14:16	Brandee Downes	2 of 2 *Continued Above* Now is NOT the time to cut the budget, IT is the time to use our budget to move forward and grow, to continue to hire those that are right for this profession, among all the different ethnic and diverse groups. To continue to educate the current police force and those within our community. It is a time to come together and to make change for the betterment of the Department'so that we can help those within our community understand us, to work with us, and to educate those that are filled with hatred towards us that are out here to help and serve. We to work on laws, to change laws, to be transparent (with education), to build programs, and to join forces. Cutting the budget will Not allow any of this to happen. It will have the opposite effect it will tire those officers who have joined to make a change; it will cause burnout, which can lead to more mistakes, it will harm us more than help us. So, the call for more growth and change is IMPORTANT. We must do it the right way. To cut the budget is like telling someone one to build a house without money-it's impossible to build a stronger, more diverse, and more educated force without a budget. To cut force has the opposite effect. My officers are beyond tired. We don't have enough bodies to protect our community, especially when we experience this type of civil unrest. And we are protecting those who are asking for change but are doing exactly what they think we as a whole are doing. Discriminating, generalizing and making racist remarks towards us. We are calling upon the community to join us, to grow with us, and to be a part of their police force, NOT by cutting the budget but by being a part of the solution. I serve and protect this community and would like to work hand in hand with you to bridge this gap. it's not us against you or you against us; WE need to come together to change as a team. Thank you Sgt Brandee Downes.

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6/9/2020 14:17	Dave Lopes	<p>Hello Mrs. Mayor! My name is Dave Lopes and I am a constituent of yours located in Salt Lake City. As a resident of this city, I'd like to say that I love this place and I truly bell've that it can lead the fight in ending police brutality and the violence against our vibrant and important POC community. This email is in regards to the proposed 2020-2021 law enforcement fiscal budget. I am requesting that the city make significant and drastic cuts to the budget allocated to the Salt Lake City Police Department by no less than thirty million dollars. SLC and Utah are growing into a heavily enforced police state - \$84 million is an absurd amount of money to spend on a police force. We are tired of seeing police officers in military gear patrolling OUR streets. I am also requesting that Mayor Mendenhall put an l'mediate freeze on the hiring of any new law enforcement officers in Salt Lake City. We can and will reallocate TAX PAYER money to community services and projects that can have an l'mediate positive impact on our most vulnerable communities. Please use our tax dollars to help us elevate our POC community, address the dire homeless situation, support our growing LGBTQ+ community, address our opiod / drug epidemic, encourage and empower our youth (especially POC and young girls / women), and provide easily accessible educational materials in the pursuit of peace. The American people are tired of the inequality that has been allowed to run rampant and completely unchecked in our country. We stand in solidarity with our black, native, brown, and asian friends, wives, husbands, children, and neighbors. As a city, we must be the leading example of equality, community, love, and compassion. We can no longer tolerate the injustices that are done to people based solely on the color of their skin or their personal choices. I am also requesting that the church take a fl'mer stance on the subject of police brutality on our POC community. As the largest private and special interest group in the state, and one of the largest in the country, the church must be vocal on condemning all forms of racist bigotry and hatred. Their silence over the past two weeks has led me to bell've that they are not truly honoring the ideology and word of Jesus. If Utah will not honor the separation of church and state, is the the duty of the church to do everything they can'to help during this modern revolution. Mrs. Mendenhall - I bell've that you have what it takes to lead us through this crisis. Your compassion and dedication to disenfranchised communities is clear and we are putting our faith into you to guide us through hatred and brutality, and into a better, healthier, and more righteous city. Best, Dave Lopes US Navy Veteran / MBA &lt;<a href="https://click.api.drift.com/o/4f0f17a4-23ac-4ac3-a31a-e8555e68a892?orgId=1116692">https://click.api.drift.com/o/4f0f17a4-23ac-4ac3-a31a-e8555e68a892?orgId=1116692</a>&gt;</p>

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6/9/2020 14:28	Elise Serena	I am a resident of Summit County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Elise Serena
6/9/2020 14:19	stephanie whitney	It is a horrible idea, if you follow through with it, you will be voted out!!
6/9/2020 14:19	Drew Davis	I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Drew Davis

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6/9/2020 14:22	Dylan Vance	I am a resident of Murray, UT. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color, as well as the horrific incidents we have seen at protests of police abusing their power and assaulting the elderly, peaceful protestors, and innocent bystanders with excessive force. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Dylan Vance
6/9/2020 14:20	Anonymous Constituent	if you do this, I will not feel safe enough to visit your city, or spend any money there.
6/9/2020 14:20	Dylan Knight	I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Dylan Knight

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6/9/2020 14:29	Eliza Stagg	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Eliza Stagg

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6/9/2020 14:26	Elijah Barker	I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects vast amounts of funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of disproportionately murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Elle Barker
6/9/2020 14:36	Elizabeth Snow	I am a resident of the state of Utah. I've lived here all my life. I'm an educator. I'm a white woman. I will never know the life, fears, and hardships of our Black community, but I will be damned if I become complacent in this vicious cycle. To say I'm appalled by our state's response to peaceful protest against police brutality is an understatement. It is unconscionable to ignore this scourge on humanity. I demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people, as they are 10% of police killings in the last seven years. And if you ask yourself how this is significant, only 1.06% of our state's population is Black (cited from recent statistics released from BLMSLC). I can no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? Your constituents are demanding that their voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Elizabeth Anne Snow



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6/9/2020 14:31	Alex Gennett	Hello, as a citizen of Salt Lake City and the state of Utah, I demand that the police force's budget be drastically reduced and directed towards more useful programs for our citizens. Millions of dollars are funneled into equipping the police with military grade equipment that is in turn used against the people who pay for it. I demand my tax money is used to improve our education system, community resources, and basically any other service that is underfunded in our city. Thank you.
6/9/2020 14:29	Eliza Bennett	Hello, My name is Eliza Bennett and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the SLCPD is part of the system that oppressed people of color, specifically black Americans. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in education, as Utah has consistently ranked terribly in education funding. Sincerely, Eliza Bennett
6/9/2020 14:43	Emily Chapman	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time. Emily Chapman

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6/9/2020 14:41	Anonymous Constituent	<p>Out of respect for you and the rest of our members of this great state of Utah we humbly ask the state to continue to support our fine police officers who are protecting our cities, our homes, our businesses, &amp; Our government agencies. It would be a huge mistake to discontinue Funding to our City and state police departments. Many of us are concerned about the crimes that is starting to happen from riots in many cities around the country,and even in our own state. What would the outcome would have been like from these riots if there were no police officers to help stop the violence, arson, property damage, and other disturbing behaviors? I hate to think of it! We as Americans have the God given right through the second amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America to protect ourselves from enemies foreign and domestic. Having a police force is part of protecting ourselves in this country from those who will subvert and overtake it. There are those that would gladly take over our cities if we were unarmed &amp; had no police force! The Second amendment in the Constitution of the United States supports our rights to protect ourselves. Many people don't have weapons to be able to protect our homes from rioters, Arsonists, Anarchists, gangs, break-ins, robberies, and every other disturbing crime that leaves the innocent At the mercy of their at the mercy of these criminals. As a reminder many also have arms to protect themselves too, just in case their lives are threatened by dangerous criminals. Having the support of our police officers in our cities is a vital part in protecting those people from criminals and rioters. Eliminating and decreasing our police force is like having no weapons to protect your family or others when their life is in danger. Words cannot express the sadness, disgust, and horror of what?s happening to innocent people by these mobs of rioters taking cities under hostage! This is not what you would call a peaceful assembly where people are yelling and screaming violent remarks such as "kill him, etc." please support us as citizens of the United States of America, and also as citizens of the great state of Utah to please uphold the bill of rights and the constitution. Uphold the rule of law please. Our nation cannot afford to go into utter chaos by letting criminals run the innocent. We care about every person, no matter what nationality they are, no matter what the color of their skin is. We are all created equal before God. What really matters is the character in each and everyone of us! The rule of law in the Constitution of United States was set up to protect the minority, to protect the innocent, to allow everyone to answer to their own actions. We are never going to be responsible for what someone else has done in the past. We will individually have to answer for our own crimes &amp; mistakes. That is what the law was meant to do. Each person here in the United States has the right to a trial to testify and to explain their case! There cannot be collective punishment in the United States of America. There are many good citizens out there in our state. There are also many other great police officers that have been doing a great job in upholding the law, and the constitution of the United States. We are sad that there are just those few who are corrupt people that The media loves to focus on. 1 of 2 *Continued Below*</p>

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6/9/2020 14:41	Anonymous Constituent	2 of 2 *Continued Above* We don't hear enough of the good things that are going on in our communities. There's bad people out there too, but just know that there are many more good people than bad. We want to remind you that the law is disowned in the constitution needs to be upheld, that every person needs to be responsible for their own actions, and not to punish the majority because of one or two bad people. That's why the courts were set up. Even criminals have the right to a fair trial. It is completely unfair & unjust to punish thousands and thousands of good police officers for the actions of a few in the recent days. These thousands of officers did not get a trial or to have their voices heard about these decisions that are being made to defund them. Those thousands of officers are having their jobs threatened, and are being punished for the few bad police officers. Just for the sake of our own city, and state, I warn you that chaos, anarchy, and lawlessness will increase if the criminals know that there is no consequence for their crimes and their own sins. They need to stop placing the blame on others for their own personal choices! I don't want our state or country to be in utter chaos, but evil will find a way to get their way when there is nobody in their way. We are saddened that there are people who have died in these situations with all these riots. Please do not support groups who promote violence in any form! They are doing all they can with dI'mantling of our liberties. Bringing violence to innocent people as a way to get revenge for someone else?s crimes was never justified by the law & is not justice! There was family in another state that lost children in a building fire caused by looters, rioters, arsonists that were blocking the way to keep the fire department & police from getting inside to save the children. They died as a result! If they did not have those resources of those good men and women in uniform that were there trying to save those children burning in the building, then who knows who else would not have been saved if the firefighters and police officers were not there deserve to protect those innocent people! Once again it's time to read the constitution of the United States. Please understand that we the people have hired & elected our representatives to help our communities. You are there to represent us, your constituents. So please take our warning out of love and concern for the well being & safety of our entire nation, and the entire state of Utah by helping our police officers have the resources they need to protect us, your constintuents! We want them to have the funding & resources for the benefit & protection of our communities. Thank you for your time!
6/9/2020 14:35	Melinda McNeal	I'moved away from SLC and you lost my tax dollars because of how much your policies are favoring the breakdown in America we are seeing today. don't even think about defunding the police! They are needed! This shouldn't even be considered! There are so many better ways to help overworked, overstressed cops. They know better, already. They don't need more classes. They need our support! They need more time off to be with their families. They do need to be held accountable for their actions when they break the law and we needreform in how we monitor that -a third party that tracks police policy offenders and does not have the conflicts of interest that a prosocuter has. You'll regret shrinking your force, this is not the end of the trouble here in the US and We're all going to need police to reduce the violence to come.

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6/9/2020 14:32	Anonymous Constituent	What exactly would it look like to defund the police department?
6/9/2020 14:35	Elizabeth Crittenden	Hello, My name is Elizabeth Crittenden and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am contacting you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also urge that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Thank you so much for your time. Elizabeth Crittenden

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6/9/2020 14:35	Heidi Hess	I do not support dedunding the police department!!! Just because there are a few bad cops, doesnt mean they all deserve to be treated like shit. These men amd women put their lives on the line to protect and serve out comunity. They deserve our support!!
6/9/2020 14:49	Eric Dyer	I'm writing to express my strong support for law enforcement, and my amazement at this ludicrous movement to defund police departments across the country. We shouldn't even need to have this conversation, but it's seems this strange social media blitz has been widespread enough that some of percentage of the population actually thinks it's a reasonable idea. It is not. Please be aware that what We're seeing is the result of the online "echo chamber" adding a feeling of legitimacy to what are actually quite extreme, foolish ideas. There is simply no way this concept has the support of the population who actually pays the lions share of taxes to support these programs...hopefully common sense will prevail, but at a bare minimum no decisions should be made without a proper referendum.

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6/9/2020 14:40	Davis Anderson	Dear Council'man Rogers, Please do not give in to the cries to defund the police. This has potential to make our city more dangerous. Criminals are not going to stop just because there are reduced police force. Somehow People's seem to think that all police do is harass people and shoot innocent victims. This is not true in the slightest. Police officers do so much good in our community and they put their life on the line to protect us, all for what is not very good pay. There are certainly improvements that can be made, but the budget can be used for better training. How do those that want to defund expect to have better quality officers with a smaller budget? Please do not give in to these unfounded and absurd demands to defund the police. We all want to work together collectively to be better as a community. Sincerely, Davis Anderson & wife District 1 Residents
6/9/2020 14:57	Derrick Gunther	To Amy Fowler, I'm contacting you, my city council representative, to request that funding NOT be withdrawn from the police department. If anything, I would like to voice my support for an increase in funding. An increase in funding could be used for better training, including in de-escalation techniques. The police are an essential part of a civilized society, and while there is definitely room for improvement, abolishing the department or cutting funding will have a counter-productive result. Thank you, Derrick Gunther

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6/9/2020 14:46	Daphne Kelly	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Daphne

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6/9/2020 14:45	Debra Tueller Sauers	2 of 2 *Continued Above* If anyone should be examined in excruciating detail it is the City Council and their lack of integrity or even knowing the first thing about policing. It is obvious the Council has no idea that their police department has some of the best trained officers in the country. Maybe the Great City Council could take a couple of shifts in their areas and show the officers just how it is done. There is no pervasive brutality or ?racial profiling?. How horrible to be a Salt Lake City Police Officer and have a cowardly City Council, Mayor and Chief of Police who suck up to the rioters and protesters. ALL LIVES MATTER and if humans weren?t such an awful species, we wouldn?t need policing. What is broken and needs to be fixed is having ?Gutless Wonders? running cities. My husband has been to combat zones during deployments and voluntarily goes into harm?s way every time he puts on the uniform to serve Salt Lake City but I have never been as worried about him as I was last week when his great City leaders thought it was okay to put LEOs out as targets. God forbid the Council reach out to the officers who deal with problems in the city while the Council hides teleworking in their kitchens. Oh that?s right, it wouldn?t fit the narrative. Thanks to the breakdown of society and the caliber of politicians today, good people will never want to be officers and rightfully so. So please if something bad happens to you, please call one of your fellow Council members, the Mayor or the Chief to come help you. What an insult you all are as a Council to not only the police but, common sense people everywhere. Hopefully more good officers are ready to retire and escape the Hell being created for them, not just here but around the country. I am proud of those officers who serve not only on the Salt Lake City Police Department but police departments everywhere and glad they are my friends. We have each other?s back when those with no backbone do. The profound grief felt by the law enforcement community and law abiding citizens everywhere is that the message being sent from governors, mayors, and chiefs is that your (law enforcement) lives don't matter and we don't care about those who have been injured or killed at the hands of ?protestors?. Disgusted Wife of a SLCPD Officer. Debra Tueller Sauers
6/9/2020 14:46	Dave Iltis	Dear Mayor Mendenhall and City Council, In response to the recent events including the death of George Floyd and many other People of Color around the country, including the death of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal in Salt Lake City, please consider renaming the Salt Lake City Police Department to the Salt Lake City Peace Department. The change in name would necessitate a change in the positioning of the department to one of keeping the peace in the community rather than one of policing the community. Police officers would become Officers of the Peace. As the council moves forward with its examination of the training and budget of SLCPD, this might be a good time to consider a change of name. Salt Lake City has an opportunity to lead the country in repositioning its law enforcement department to one that keeps the peace, and all the implications therein. Best regards, Dave Iltis Salt Lake City

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6/9/2020 14:46	Emily Lyver	Hello, My name is Emily Lyver, and I am a Salt Lake City resident. I am contacting you to demand that, for the 2020-2021 budget, you re-allocate at least \$30 million away from the SLCPD, and toward public services like housing, public transit, and community initiatives. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new officers. Reducing police funding and police presence is critical for keeping our communities safe. I include links to peer-reviewed research below: There is no evidence that body cameras < <a href="https://www.pnas.org/content/116/21/10329.short?rss=1">https://www.pnas.org/content/116/21/10329.short?rss=1</a> > or anti-bias trainings reduce police violence. Instead, Salt Lake should reduce funding to the police, reduce the volume of military weapons distributed to the police < <a href="https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2053168017712885">https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2053168017712885</a> > , and I've invested in community support organizations < <a href="https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0003122417736289">https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0003122417736289</a> > like our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers. Over the last week, I have never felt less safe in our city than when police in riot gear and military were deployed to our streets and skies. We need to meet demands for change not with increased violence and policing, but with tangible financial investment in the communities that we claim to want to support. We need to provide concrete and significant monetary support to the systems that uplift our citizens, not the ones that incarcerate them. Sincerely, Emily Lyver
6/9/2020 15:02	Esther Valero	I am a resident of Millcreek and I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Esther Valero
6/9/2020 14:47	Kendra Lawrence	This is the time to reallocate taxpayer dollars to upstream strategies: education, food and housing security, preventive medicine, green space... What a frightening demonstration by militarized police and police culture in this country right now. The work police do is important, but the amount of taxpayer money they receive is bloated. Please invest in strengthening our community with funding and programs that will help us raise our families and lift everyone up. What an opportunity this could be!

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6/9/2020 14:49	Emily Sundquist	I am a resident of Salt Lake county. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Emily Sundquist



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6/9/2020 14:50	Daniel Fenn	I am a resident of Salt Lake City (technically I live within South Salt Lake, but this issue is incredibly important to me. I know many people of color who live within the jurisdiction of SLC, and they deserve a City Council that will be on their side right now.) I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever before. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents, especially those who need it the most. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. We desperately need it. Thank you for your time, Dan Fenn

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6/9/2020 14:59	Erin Cafferty	Hello, I'm Erin Cafferty and I am a PhD student at the University of Utah and a citizen of Salt Lake City. I'm contacting you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote tomorrow, June 9th, the city makes dramatic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe that police force that doesn't protect and serve some of us doesn't protect and serve any of us. #Justice4Bernardo I hope that instead you invest the \$30 million in Community and Neighborhood Development to fund projects that increase awareness and appreciation for the cultural diversity of our city and of the United States. Thank you for your time.
6/9/2020 10:13	Danielle Glover	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thanks for your time. Danielle Glover

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6/9/2020 11:16	Alex Gruenenfelder	My name is Alex Gruenenfelder, and I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Alex Gruenenfelder
6/9/2020 10:51	Zina Bougri	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Zina Bougri Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 11:04	Wendy Smedley	I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Wendy Smedley Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 10:40	Emma Sargent	To Mayor Mendenhall and members of the City Council: I am a Salt Lake City resident writing to demand that the City Council revise our city budget to prioritize community wellbeing. I request that you redirect funding away from the police. SLCPD has a well-documented history of police violence, particularly against Black people. In fact, Black people are killed by police at a higher rate in Utah than anywhere else in the U.S. The tactics used by SLCPD, which harm our community and violate our safety, particularly the safety of Black and Indigenous people of color, are unacceptable. Mayor Mendenhall has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. I demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowering the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Funds cut from the SLCPD budget would be much better used if redirected into education, housing, and other city'services that actually function to PREVENT crime in the first place by providing all members of our community with the support they need. I understand that Mayor Mendenhall and the City Council may be unwilling to revise the budget, despite receiving countless calls, emails, and comments asking you to do so. If this is the case, I ask that at the very least, you maintain the hiring freeze on the SLCPD currently in place in order to make budget cuts more feasible for the next fiscal period. Additionally, I demand that you hold SLC's existing police officers accountable. I am extremely disappointed that the officers who killed Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal have not yet been fired. I love my city, and I expect my city government to do better. Thank you for your time, Emma Sargent

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6/9/2020 10:36	Dominique Greco	Hello, My name is Dominique Greco and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because these are my tax dollars that fund the police department. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in the homelessness organization, in our schooling systems, for children to be able to have free lunch, or to pay for therapy sessions for those who can't afford such but need it. Sincerely, Dominique Greco Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 10:30	WILLI'm WESTERN	Hello, My name is Michael Western and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in our education system and pay teachers a higher starting salary. If you have a family with kids I am sure you have noticed how much we miss our teachers due to COVID-19. If we valued our teachers as much as we do doctors or lawyers and even police we would have better outcomes for our students and communities. Please consider this idea in the upcoming budget votes. Sincerely, Michael Western Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 12:03	Amanda McGarry	I am a resident of district 1 in Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Amanda McGarry

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6/9/2020 11:58	Amelia Weixler	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Amelia Weixler
6/9/2020 12:48	Bryan Hinschberger	Hello fellow Salt Lake City members, My name is Bryan Hinschberger and I am a Resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our country needs areform right now in the way our police forces are run, managed, funded, and not held accountable for their actions. I support having a lawful system... but that system has been rooted in corrupt hatred towards black people and needs a massive overhaul. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million into our community in ways to build our culture, broaden our collaborations, expand our education, and give back to those that truly need it. Sincerely, Bryan Hinschberger

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6/9/2020 12:55	Brittain McNeel	Hi there, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Brittain McNeel < <a href="https://mailtrack.io/trace/mail/bf4a1a30fbb307fd4b63af53ac76ca202ce95e93.png?u=228106">https://mailtrack.io/trace/mail/bf4a1a30fbb307fd4b63af53ac76ca202ce95e93.png?u=228106</a> >
6/9/2020 10:35	Carolina Banos-Vargas	Hello, My name is Carolina and I am a Student at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because as a student have never felt protected by the police when most needed. Instead we need most funding for our counseling centers at the University of Utah and many more that have needed funding but only continues to get cut. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in once again in our counseling center at the University of Utah. Sincerely, Carolina Banos Vargas
6/9/2020 12:22	Ayja Bounous	Hello, My name is Ayja Bounous and I am resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in underrepresented and at risk communities. Sincerely, Ayja Bounous Sent from my iPhone



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6/9/2020 10:34	Whitney sant	Hello, My name is Whitney Sant I am a resident of slc Utah. I am emailing in reference to the 2020/2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers through the fiscal year. This is important to me as an active community member and social justice advocate, I want our community to be a place that everyone feels safe, supported and taken care of by those that are meant to serve no matter their race, gender, or sexual orientation. I hope you I'veest the 30 million in health insurance for residents, social services for the under served and teachers budgets. Thank you for your time.
6/9/2020 12:27	Ashley Jensen	My name is Ashley Jensen and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ashley
6/9/2020 12:51	Brady Myers	Hello, My name is Brady Myers and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in education and mental and behavioral health care facilities. Sincerely, Brady Myers Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 11:07	Veronica Brown	I am a resident of Salt LakeCity. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Veronica Brown

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6/9/2020 10:56	Kathy Adams	I've been reading a lot about Police Unions that undermine mayors and police chiefs seeking reform. Some say that police unions have abused their power of collective bargaining. Collective bargaining is useful for issues such as wages and benefits -- but should not be part of a contract when it comes to disciplinary actions. Is it possible to make public the contracts and the negotiations as they are happening? And what are the current agreements the city has with the Police Department? Investigating Police Unions should not become an excuse to attack unions that do valuable work -- teachers, nurses, city workers, or other public servants.
6/9/2020 11:12	Sayra Geraldo	Hello, My name is Sayra and I am a resident Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because as a resident of this neighborhood I have seen millions of dollars thrown into law enforcement while other more important departments are defunded yearly. I've worked in Title 1 schools who's kids deserve more than your police officers. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in education, healthcare, neighborhood reparations, community outreach programs and other resources that benefit your communities rather than kill them. Sincerely, Sayra Geraldo
6/9/2020 11:11	Aidan Newton	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Aidan G.Newton 1029 Fuller Avenue, 84102 aidangnewton@gmail.com <mailto:aidangnewton@gmail.com> 9702086070

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6/9/2020 11:10	Zachary McCabe	I am a resident of Boston, MA. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Zachary McCabe Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 11:15	Taylor McCarty	Hello, My name is Taylor McCarty and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, housing, or mental health programs. Sincerely, Taylor McCarty Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 11:27	Marci Hall	<p>Dear City Council: The defund police department movement, as I understand it, has to do with reallocating budget funds to support people and services in marginalized communities. I do not agree with the assertion that reducing police funds will directly help marginalized communities. The two are not correlated. The Camden, NJ police re-organization story is gaining popularity right now. If there are problems within our SLPD, address them. Starting over as Camden, NJ did may or may not be the appropriate need for SLPD. Supporting people and services in marginalized communities. What does that mean for Salt Lake? What is the Salt Lake data supporting that need? Where does funding or services/programs already in place fall short? Do those services/programs need an over haul/re-organization? Were these topics already discussed as you prepared the budget? Changes and programs to support people and services for marginalized communities should not be a bandaid fix. These need to be sustainable programs with long term measurable goals and outcomes. it's a long, patient process to get the current children to have a better future than their parents. The current young adults and adults have different needs. There are many organizations who work in these areas in our community. I don't have the data to reach any solutions. I do know there are many non-profits and not-for-profit organizations working to support people and services in marginalized communities in SLC. What is the remaining need? Who should meet that need? Grants. Endowments. Foundations. Be creative.</p> <p>Affordable housing: I see many new housing buildings under construction. Which are for affordable housing? Developers are business people, are there resources to supplement their potential income loss for building affordable housing? What about old structures in disrepair. Again, property owners don't have much incentive to improve their property if tenants can't afford to pay. What assistance programs are available to the property owner or tenant? 1 of 2 *Continued Below*</p>

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6/9/2020 11:27	Marci Hall	2 of 2 *Continued Above* Employment: What job training programs are available? Job placement services? Helping people achl've income to get them out of poverty. Social and mental health services. I don't even know the questions to ask. Education: [Opinion offered without fact] Head Start or other preschool programs are generally bell'ved to help children be ready for elementary school. I bell've the challenge comes in the elementary years when children are sent home to read at home with their parents nightly for more practice or need help on homework that their parents can't provide (for a variety of reasons). Elementary students fall behind and won't catch up. They give up at some point and are lost in the educational system. I recommend after school programs, either at the elementary school or maybe the high school, to provide that one-on-one time these students aren?t getting at home. Older high school siblings are often called upon in families to provide after school childcare for their siblings. That takes away from their ability to play high school sports or do their own homework. Many high schools have childcare spaces. What if they were used for after school programs too? May need busing, food, and people who can provide that reading time and homework help. The goal is to identify (which does happen) and close the learning gaps early. If the child can't get that help at home, we, the community, loses that child. Yes, there are race issues in our country. What are they in SL? I am a moderate, I do bell've in helping people but I also bell've in people helping themselves. Mostly, I want to know data to support facts about our community and how we can improve the lives of those who are marginalized. Let'salt Lake emerge as a model for change, be creative, sustainable, intentional, work with /partner with /supplement organizations who provide support and services for marginalized people. Respectfully, please do not be reactionary and quick to discern without knowing the data and facts for our community. Thank you.
6/9/2020 11:40	Andrew Cruz	I am a resident of Draper, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Andrew De La Cruz

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6/9/2020 11:43	Andrew Maguire	Hello my name is Andrew Maguire. I am a voter and a resident of district 5. I have worked for SLC's youth and family division for 4 years and I work for Utah International Charter School. I am calling in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city defund the SLCPD budget by \$30 million, and reallocate the money towards community building services.I also demand that the mayor freeze any hiring of new police officers throughout this fiscal year. This is important to me because I work at the school with the highest percentage of black students in the state of Utah. These students are routinely harassed by police, and they fear the consequences of reporting these instances of harassment without being further targeted. They feel strongly that their voices will be unheard or used against them. Please I'veest in empowering citizens instead of I'veesting in controlling them. Andrew Maguire
6/9/2020 11:44	Andrew Maguire	Hello, My name is Andrew Maguire. I have lived in SLC my entire life. I have worked for Salt Lake City Corporation as a member of the youth and family division when I was an employee for Youth City Fal'mont Park. I now work for Utah International Charter School in South Salt Lake. Currently I live in District 5. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police.We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Andrew Maguire



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6/9/2020 14:49	Danyale Delon	I am a resident of Midvale. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Danyale Delon
6/9/2020 11:40	Savannah Millard	Hello, My name is Savannah Millard and I live in Salt Lake City and work in Salt Lake City ans go to college in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we need to put an end to police brutality. We need to stop seeing black and brown people get murdered by cops. We need to I'vest in our communities. We need to I'vest in black and brown and poc communities. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in the community and education. Sincerely, Savannah Millard

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6/9/2020 11:43	Andrew Linke	Dear SLC Council and Mayor Mendenhall, I own a home, live, and work in SLC. I recently reviewed the proposed police department budget (section E-67) for 2020-21: <a href="http://www.slcdocs.com/budget/mayor2021.pdf">http://www.slcdocs.com/budget/mayor2021.pdf</a> Considering recent events (e.g. militarized response to protests, fatal shooting by a police officer) I am strongly in favor of critically reviewing the police department budget and reallocating a considerable share of the money toward programs that will have a greater chance of helping (rather than punishing) underserved and under-represented communities in our city. Thank you, -Andrew Linke
6/9/2020 11:46	Angee Colvin	I am a resident of Bluffdale, UT. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Angela Colvin
6/9/2020 12:29	Ben Coles	I am a resident of your 4th District. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ben Coles

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6/9/2020 11:47	Angel Lopez	Hello, My name is angel Dyckman and I am a RESIDENT OF Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am tired of seeing police brutality and innocent people dying. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million our school sutems. Sincerely, Angel Dyckman Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 12:19	Autumn Lucas	To Whom It May Concern: I am a resident of Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Autumn Lucas
6/9/2020 11:53	Amy Thompson	Hello, My name is Amy Thompson and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am a mother and an academic. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, which has been defunded continually throughout history. I'vesting in the education of our city's young people is critical to building change in our community. I'vesting in the police force will do nothing but contribute to the current culture of racI'm I our community. Sincerely, Amy Thompson

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6/9/2020 12:17	Ashley Love	I am a resident of South Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ashley Love Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 12:07	Megan Townsend	This is one of many messages I'm sure you are receiving asking for change, beginning with reducing the funds allocated to SLC PD in the 2021 Fiscal Year budget. I know that you are for progress and for the people of SLC, including people of color. I will use my voice to support the City Council and Mayor Mendenhall when you stick your neck out to make the necessary changes. Thank you, Megan Townsend
6/9/2020 14:41	Ellie Arave	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ellie Arave

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6/9/2020 13:19	Chelsie Ross	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Chelsie Ross
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6/9/2020 12:23	Faafota Mulitalo Rasmussen	I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Faafota Mulitalo Rasmussen Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 13:34	Pepper Martin	<p>Hello, My name is Pepper Martin and I am a resident Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because police brutality has gone on far too long, and by reallocating the funds to other areas of our community we can make a huge change. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into helping the homeless in our community, as well as improvements to our communities schools and healthcare. Sincerely, Pepper Martin</p>



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6/9/2020 12:57	Cassandra Stokes-Wylie	I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Cassandra Stokes-Wylie

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6/9/2020 12:53	Caroline Jackson	<p>Good Morning Ana, My name is Caroline Jackson and I'm a resident of your district here in Salt Lake. I hope that after the past week and a half you have realized the importance of this budget and it's potential consequences. That?s why I'm emailing you today to ask that you divert funds from the Salt Lake City Police Department and give them to local nonprofits and other city organizations instead. Firstly, there?s significant data showing that the most widespread policing ?solutions? don't work. There is no research suggesting that bias training or teaching methods of de-escalation ever lead to a permanent change in police behavior. Additionally, body cameras don't have the deterring affect they were previously thought to have, but no need to take my word for it, here is a link to the research: <a href="https://www.pnas.org/content/116/21/10329.short?rss=1">https://www.pnas.org/content/116/21/10329.short?rss=1</a> &lt;<a href="https://www.pnas.org/content/116/21/10329.short?rss=1">https://www.pnas.org/content/116/21/10329.short?rss=1</a>&gt; . A portion of the budget I don't bell've police need is the segment for military grade weapons. There is sufficient evidence that police forces that receive military weapons from the federal government kill more people. If you want to take a look at that research, you can find it here: <a href="https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2053168017712885">https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2053168017712885</a> &lt;<a href="https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2053168017712885">https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2053168017712885</a>&gt; . Next here are the types of practices and organizations that I bell've those funds would be better used in: 1. I'vest in community oriented organizations and nonprofits- Research shows that for every 10 types of these organizations the murder rate goes down by 9%, the violent crime rate goes down by 6%, and the property crime rate goes down by 4%. <a href="https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0003122417736289">https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0003122417736289</a> 2. Establish a non-police response for 911 calls involving mental illness, and especially applicable here in SLC, homelessness. At least 1 in 4 people killed by police suffer from a mental health problem, so why not try to greet them with help instead of hostility? Just a uniform mixed with past experiences can be triggering to those suffering from mental health problems. In Eugene, OR a program just like this has had wild success. <a href="https://www.wsj.com/articles/when-mental-health-experts-not-police-are-the-first-responders-1543071600">https://www.wsj.com/articles/when-mental-health-experts-not-police-are-the-first-responders-1543071600</a> 3. Give the funds to healthcare and substance abuse treatment. it's shown that I'vestment in expanding medicaid at the county level decreases crime levels annually by 3%, which amounts to an average savings of about \$13 billion. <a href="https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3042267">https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3042267</a> If you?d like to read up on any further research, I've found these studies as well as many others here: <a href="https://www.joincampaignzero.org/research">https://www.joincampaignzero.org/research</a> &lt;<a href="https://www.joincampaignzero.org/research">https://www.joincampaignzero.org/research</a>&gt; . I bell've Salt Lake doesn?t have a crime problem. We certainly have a housing problem, and transportation problems, but when I walk around the city I don't see ?crimes?. I see residents who deserve respect and could use help instead of interrogations. I implore you to take at least \$30 million from the proposed police budget to help those in need within in our city instead of discarding them. Thank you for your time, Caroline Jackson</p>

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6/9/2020 14:35	Elizabeth Furbush	Hello, My name is Elizabeth Furbush and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our community is in drastic need of those funds and we do not need a militarized police force. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into our education system, which is severely underfunded. As a teacher in Utah, I have seen firsthand the damage that underfunding our students education has. We have far too many students in our classes, and our teachers are severely underpaid, so many qualified professionals cannot afford to be teachers in Utah anymore. Sincerely, Elizabeth Furbush Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 12:22	Vita Rice	Hello, my name is Vita Rice and I am a resident of SLC. It has become overwhelmingly obvious that police across the nation do not protect and serve everyone in our communities equally, if at all, and tend to resort to violence quickly rather than de-escalate situations. Improved training and increased repercussions will not do anything to stop police violence, because fundamentally the types of people attracted to this line of work are generally looking for power and a way to assert themselves over others. Holier-than-thou attitudes abound. This is not true in its entirety, however it is true generally. I have a 'friend' who is a cop in Northern Utah, who arrests people for drug possession but uses those same drugs himself in his personal leisure time. I am absolutely certain that this is common among many officers. No amount of oversight will stop cops from exempting themselves from the same rules that apply to everyone else. No amount of oversight will stop racist cops from acting out their racI'm during interactions with those whom they loathe. I would like to encourage the City Council to honor what the majority of conscious, aware people in this community are fighting for. The people who are fighting for the defunding of police are the ones who are actively doing anti-racI'm work within themselves and their I'mediate communities, reading books, listening to BIPOC leaders, and fighting for positive change. Anyone who wholeheartedly supports the police is either willfully ignorant or completely uneducated about the history of institutionalized violence and discrimination against minorities in this nation. Defund the police. Reduce their budget significantly. Do not hire more officers during the 2020-2021 fiscal year, or beyond. I'vest funds into community programs that support the material needs of demographics that are more likely to commit property theft. Get people the assistance they need to live full and healthy lives, where they feel supported and not oppressed by our current capitalist system. I'vest funds into emergency response programs that deal specifically with mental health crises. 911 shouldn't be a "Send Guys with Guns" to all situations type of phone number. Time and time again, people with PTSD, Schizophrenia, BiPolar Disorder, Suicidal Depression, Generalized Anxiety, etc., are met with aggressive, forceful, and often violent police who are not equipped to handle a mental health crises. Often times, these people who simply called 911 for assistance because they or someone else was worried for their safety, are brutalized by police, making their situation worse. Sometimes, and in a lot of cases for BIPOC, they are killed because they aren't in the right mental state to "follow orders." Mental health professionals are able to de-escalate and restrain large and often aggressive individuals without the use of any force that causes bodily harm. 1 of 2 *Continued Below*

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6/9/2020 12:22	Vita Rice	2 of 2 *Continued Above* Hire mental health professionals instead of trying to train people (cops) who did not get a degree in this type of thing. The police don't even typically respond to burglaries, citing that they can't do anything and to call your insurance. Sometimes they'll write you a report for your insurance. We don't need guys with guns to do that. The police RARELY help women when they file a report that they were raped, or that they are being stalked. Defund the police. We don't need power-hungry people with guns stopping folks for traffic violations, we can have other organizations handle that. We don't need racists pulling over Black folx for a blinker out, and then wrestling them out of their car and detaining them because they supposedly "aren't following orders." We don't need cops with biases pulling people over because of the color of their skin, to ask if the car is theirs, and then letting them go. That's terrorizing the community. That is not serving and protecting. I have never felt safe around a police officer, and I am a young white woman. From personal experience and witnessing the experiences of others, I have learned that the police are not here to protect me, they are here to find out if I have done anything illegal and then punish me for it. So please, I implore you, follow the lead of Minneapolis and disband our police department. There are so many other ways we can reduce crime and enforce lawful behavior, without having an active police force. We still need investigation units, and they need to be better. Investigators must be educated with a 4 year degree in a closely related field and must pass incremental bias testing through their time serving the community. Fund getting people off the streets, fund getting people affordable housing, food, medication, and healthcare. Fund community oversight panels, non-violent emergency response teams, and drug rehabilitation programs for those who need it. Fund therapy for the homeless. You will see petty crime go down once People's needs are met. You will see petty crime go down when the most underserved in our communities are protected and supported. Thank you, Vita Rice East Central, SLC
6/9/2020 12:32	Bethany Everett	Dear Council Members, My name is Bethany Everett and I am an SLC resident and Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Utah. It is both my personal and professional opinion that reducing the police budget and rerouting those funds towards housing, food security, EDUCATION, and public health efforts (mental health and drug abuse counseling) is the way to make SLC a safer and more equitable place for all of us. Sincerely, Dr. Bethany Everett
6/9/2020 12:30	Matthew Farillas	All, I understand that these are trying times and you are under immense pressure from a handful of the public. With recent events around the country I can understand the want to submit to the demands of those who damaged our city and burnt a police car, and endangered the lives of hundreds of innocent passerby's and businesses that were in the area. I understand there is talk about submitting to demands of drastically reduce funding for the police department as well as a hiring freeze. All choices have consequences. If We're reduce staffing for the police department there will be fewer good officers to protect the thousands of innocent lives in Salt Lake. Our numbers are already so diminished that if we cease funding and hiring for the Police Department, we will be overrun and won't be able to provide the services so desperately relied on by the hundreds of thousands of residents in Salt Lake. We need more manpower and more funding to be able to keep up with the growing population as calls for service increase. The great people of Salt Lake City rely on its officers and first responders to protect them from those that would cause harm and destruction, as seen on Saturday's Riot. Officer Farillas

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6/9/2020 13:15	Heather Taylor	I am completely against defunding our PD. This radical idea will not end well for so many citizens of Utah. Please do not consider doing so.
6/9/2020 12:59	Caroline Wallace	I am a resident of Murray. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Caroline Wallace

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6/9/2020 12:57	Brianna Pritchett	Hello, I am a resident of district 3. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Brianna Pritchett

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6/9/2020 12:58	Cassidy Deursen	I am a resident of SLCo Council District 1. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Cassidy Van Deursen



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6/9/2020 13:16	Chelsea Keefer	I am a resident of Salt Lake District 2. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Chelsea Keefer
6/9/2020 13:20	Cher-ami Sten	Hello, My name is Cher-Ami and I am a teacher from Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I work with Salt Lake City youth everyday and I want a safe, fair community for them. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public education. Our teachers are underpaid. Our students don't receive appropriate funding. We are nearly last in per pupil funding in the nation. We educators to so much with so little and we could do so much more with more. Education is the foundation to strong, safe communities. I'vest in the future. Sincerely, Cher-Ami Sten Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 13:34	Clara Bachman	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, UT. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Clara Bachman
6/9/2020 13:27	Lori Levinson	We have fought for years to get more officers trained and on duty in my area in St. Marys. I am opposed to any discussion about cutting funding by 30%. I do bell've that proper vetting and training to weed out "bad" cops absolutely is essential. Continuing to foster community relationships is key to building and maintaining trust between our law enforcement and citizens. Community events in all areas of the state should be promoted. To protect and serve is the mission. Serve us, not beat us or control us. We should revere not be afraid of our officers. I've never encountered a bad cop myself so I don't know how pervasive it is our city. I trust they are making attempts at self policing. Perhaps some redirection of budget items is needed. I've not seen the budget but am not opposed to paying higher taxes if better training is needed, counseling services offered for them and their families, whatever helps. These are difficult times and difficult jobs.
6/9/2020 13:26	carol vallejos	i do not support defunding disbanding or putting in place an oversight committee made up of people who dont know what its like to serve as an officer!!
6/9/2020 13:39	Grace Cole	Hi, I am a resident and student in Salt Lake City. I am urging you to reallocate funds from the SLPD and put them towards services such as education, mental health advocacy, attempting to solve the homeless issue, among many others. If we put more money into the community I do bell've that there will be less need for policing in our community. Thank you for your time. Grace Cole

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6/9/2020 14:24	Eileen Mayhew	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Eileen Mayhew

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6/9/2020 14:01	Courtney Lawrence	I am a resident of Salt Lake County and I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Courtney Lawrence

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6/9/2020 14:05	Cyan Larson	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Cyan Larson
6/9/2020 14:25	Elena Bender	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Elena Bender

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6/9/2020 14:17	Drake Barlow	I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Drake Barlow
6/9/2020 14:39	Ellen Red	She Wrote a Book About Bias. Here's Why She's Not Convinced Defunding the Police Is the Answer A man kneels in front of a police skl'mish line in Oakland California on May 29, 2020. Jennifer Eberhardt is a Stanford professor and MacArthur Genius award recipient who has worked with several police departments to improve their interactions with communities of color. In her 2019 book Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think and Do, she examines the role that implicit bias?which she defines as ?the beliefs and the feelings we have about social groups that can Read in TIME: <a href="https://apple.news/AgYmf9EfpTnqn4CVoPqBQvQ">https://apple.news/AgYmf9EfpTnqn4CVoPqBQvQ</a> Shared from Apple News < <a href="https://www.apple.com/news">https://www.apple.com/news</a> > Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 14:36	Elizabeth Wong	I am a resident of Cache Valley. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Elizabeth Wong
6/9/2020 14:27	Elise Clark	Hello, My name is Elise Clark and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am alarmed at the police brutality, the inherent racism, and lack of training currently in our police system. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in education. Utah has the lowest spending per student in the country. For too long, the education system has relied on the community support and stability to help improve test scores and other education metrics. Black students and students of color have lower reading rates and are less likely to be in higher ranked schools. This type of inequality is a perfect example of systemic racism, and it needs to change. Sincerely, Elise Clark



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6/9/2020 15:02	Hank Mastain	Hello, My name is Hank Mastain and I am a resident, property, and business owner Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I plead that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because those resources have the power to drastically benefit the advancement and well being of a significant number our citizens; a greater I'vestment in the police force does not. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in affordable housing and housing for the homeless and rehabilitating. Sincerely, Hank Mastain Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 14:41	Dasha Directo	Hello, My name is Dasha Directo and I am a worker and resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education. Sincerely, Dasha Directo
6/9/2020 14:53	Derek Olsen	I am a resident of House District 26 and Senate District 2. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Derek Olsen

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6/9/2020 14:55	Dedric Davidson	Hello, My name is Dedric Davidson and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public education as well as public safety councils. Sincerely, Dedric Davidson Dedric Davidson
6/9/2020 14:56	Erin Carroll	Hello, My name is Erin Carroll and I am a resident and student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education. Sincerely, Erin Carroll
6/9/2020 14:55	Eric Holley	Hello, My name is Eric Holley and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in resources for our current Salt Lake City homeless population that is being spread throughout the city due to changes with their current resources. Sincerely, Eric Holley Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 14:59	Eric R.W. Smith	I am a resident of 84105-1428, SLC council district 5. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Eric R.W. Smith

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6/9/2020 15:01	Erin Willl'ms	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, as well as Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utah's during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Erin Willl'ms

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6/9/2020 15:03	Derrick Gunther	To Amy Fowler, I'm contacting you, my city council representative, to request that funding NOT be withdrawn from the police department. If anything, I would like to voice my support for an increase in funding. An increase in funding could be used for better training, including in de-escalation techniques. The police are an essential part of a civilized society, and while there is definitely room for improvement, abolishing the department or cutting funding will have a counter-productive result. Thank you,

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6/9/2020 15:04	Eva Wilson	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well-documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Eva Wilson</p>

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6/9/2020 15:05	Hannah Dhonau	Good Morning, My name is Hannah Dhonau and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing with concerns about the 2020-2021 budget for SLC. Please reallocate at least \$30 million away from the SLCPD and towards public services like housing, public transit, and community initiatives. Reducing police presence and funding, and increasing community-led approaches, will serve all SLC residents. Reducing police funding and presence is critical for keeping our communities safe. There is no evidence that body cameras or anti-bias training reduce police violence. These are little more than peace-of-mind for those at the helm, and do not prevent harm coming to members of our community. Instead, Salt Lake should reduce funding to the police, reduce the volume of military weapons distributed to the police, and I've invested in community support organizations like our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare and community centers. Over the last week, I have never felt less safe in our city than when police in riot gear and military were deployed in our streets and skies with helicopters circling overhead and humvees driving past my house. We need to meet demands for change not with increased violence and policing, but with tangible financial investment in communities that we claim we want to support. We need to provide concrete and significant monetary support to the systems that uplift our citizens, not the systems that incarcerate. Sincerely, Hannah Dhonau



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6/9/2020 15:05	Eve Cohen	I am a resident of District #7. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Eve Cohen
6/9/2020 15:06	Eve Cohen	Hi Amy, THANK YOU SO MUCH for speaking out against the horrible killing of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. I am so proud to live in your district and to be represented by a councilperson who is unafraid to say what every other single person in SLC city government has been unwilling to say: THE POLICE ARE NOT AND SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO KILL SALT LAKE CITY RESIDENTS As a resident of your district I am imploring you to do everything in your power to punish the officers who murdered Bernardo, and to defund and dI'mantle the SLC police Department'so that its budget can be used to fund city'services that will help make this a safe and prosperous place to live for all people. Regardless of skin color. Regardless of sexual orientation. Regardless of what district they live in. My husband and I'moved from Berkeley, CA to Salt Lake City in the fall of 2018. We are queer. We have Black friends, biracial friends, white friends, friends who are LDS, and friends who have left the church. In our family we have firefighters, health workers, small business owners, and more. Since moving to Salt Lake City we have been overwhelmed by how welcoming and inclusive the community here has been despite the reputation the state has to outsiders (you know what I'm talking about). Please continue to show us that our local government cares about these things, the rights of its people, and is dedicated to moving toward a more just and equitable future. My specific asks: Fire and charge the killers of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal Support the redirection of \$30M of funds to education, housing, and other social services that will make our city more equitable and resilient. DEFUND THE SLCPD Thank you so much for your time and your consideration. And thank you for being on the right side of history. Eve

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6/9/2020 15:07	Hannah Fox	I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Hannah Fox <mailto:hannahffox82@gmail.com>
6/9/2020 15:08	Hannah Orrock	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Hannah Orrock

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6/9/2020 15:06	Erika Wynn	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Erika Wynn
6/9/2020 15:06	Evelyn Arizaga	I am a resident of Davis County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Evelyn Arizaga

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6/9/2020 15:14	Anonymous Constituent	I am thoroughly disgusted by the notion that SL City Council would entertain the will of an unruly mob in defunding the police department. Not only should we not defund our police, we should put more money into salaries and training. The concept of "systematic racism" is deeply flawed and not even its definition is something those who push this divisive and destructive rhetoric can agree on. Our police department in Salt Lake City has plenty to deal with in the form of homelessness, drugs, and gang activity. They are doing a tremendous job. It is our mayor and city leadership that are to blame for the deterioration of the city and the lawlessness that was on display during the "protests". Defund? NEVER!
6/9/2020 15:09	Hannah Pack	Hello, My name is Hannah Pack and I am a graduate student at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because Salt Lake City police department already murders a disproportionate amount of black people and should not be giving them more money to continue these practices. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in community programs, education, and mental health services. Sincerely, Hannah Pack she/her/hers
6/9/2020 15:10	Hannah Lochabay	Hello, My name is Hannah Lochabay and I am a resident and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in the many areas of need in Salt Lake, such as giving school teachers a raise, providing rent relief for those struggling to pay due to Covid-19, and air pollution. Sincerely, Hannah Lochabay
6/9/2020 15:13	Hannah Turner-Harts	Hello, My name is Hannah and I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I want my children to grow up in a more equitable world, free from fear of militarized police who attack their fellow citizens. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in public education, housing services for the homeless, and the funding of parks. Sincerely, Hannah Turner-Harts Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 15:16	Trevor Hansen	<p>James Rogers, I am a Police Officer in Salt Lake City. I have worked here for almost six years and have enjoyed my time here. I bell've Salt Lake City truly has some of the finest Officers in the country and have proven that time and time again. We are the capitol city and deal with a diverse set of issues that many other cities do not have to face. With these issues our Officers work tirelessly to find solutions that best fit the needs of the community. This year we have faced many new challenges. The most recent challenge started with the death of George Floyd while he was in Police custody. While this was tragic, and I bell've those Officers did not act appropriately, this was a very isolated event. I disagree with excessive force. I disagree with racI'm. Officers should be, and are held accountable for their actions. Here in Salt Lake City, our Officers have extensive training. Last year Salt Lake City Police handled well over 200,000 calls, with some of the most evil and violent criminals in the world. Salt Lake Police handled these calls efficiently, and with the amount of professionalI'm that should be, and is expected in Salt Lake City. We deserve to be paid accordingly. The citizens of Salt Lake have been overwhelmingly supportive and grateful for the job Salt Lake City Police are doing. I have been approached numerous times a day while at work from citizens expressing their gratitude and for the job we are doing during these protests. Salt Lake City is an amazing Police Department. There are some people expressing their dislike for Police, and have expressed they would like to see budget cuts, while requesting more training and better Officers. These are some of the same people that have recently damaged and defaced our city buildings as well as private businesses and property within our city. These are the same people who surrounded an Officer in their vehicle before flipping that vehicle and burning it to the ground. These are the people who have screamed at, spit on, and assaulted our Officers to the point they were hospitalized. These people requesting a Police budget cut, do not bother me. They do not bother me because they'represent such an amazingly low percentage of Salt Lake City. The vast majority of our citizens, of all races, ages, sexes, religions, cultures, etc, stand behind us and recognize the job we are doing, is one of honor. They back Salt Lake City Police and know we will be there in their time of need. I go to work everyday knowing I'may be killed in the line of duty. I accept this risk, because I know someone needs to do it.</p> <p>1 of 2 *Continued Below*</p>
6/9/2020 15:16	Trevor Hansen	<p><b>2 of 2 *Continued Above*</b> The majority of citizens support Police. I am asking you to do the same. A reduction in budget will loose quality Officers. At this time our city is in distress and our Officers are stepping up to the call, like they always do. I would ask that each of you look at the job that Police are actually doing, and not just the extremists who are screaming for budget cuts. The thousands of good things that Police do daily to help our citizens are never published. We do not ask for fame each time we rush into a dangerous situation, or even recognition from the public. But we are asking the city to recognize that we are one of the best Police agencies in the world, and we should be compensated fairly. Each year I have worked here, I have heard rumors of raises that would bring us up to the level of comparable cities. Each year these get turned down and our raises have been as low as one percent. I know times are difficult right now nationwide, and I understand the raise we deserve may not feasible, but a reduction in the Police budget is unacceptable. It is demeaning to this profession, especially here in Salt Lake City where our Officers are true professionals. Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Respectfully, Officer Trevor Hansen</p>

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6/9/2020 15:26	Sydney Maves	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Tiffany Valentina-Johnston



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6/9/2020 15:17	Harrison Fitch	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Harrison Fitch Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 15:36	John Michael Biggs	I am a resident of District 1. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. FURTHERMORE I request that immediate action be taken in regard to the untried execution of Bernardo Palacios. Mike Brown needs to be removed, and all officers involved need to be held accountable. Thank you for your time, John Michael Biggs

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6/9/2020 15:25	Sydney Maves	Dear Dan Dugan and Vili Lolohea, My name is Sydney Maves, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City (84105). I am commenting in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic, lasting cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, allocating the money to community-building services. Let's develop programs and services to I'veST in our community members (particularly marginalized communities) rather than militarizing our police force. I also demand that you maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year due to the ongoing police violence we've seen in the city. This is important to me because Black Lives Matter. I hope you instead I'veST \$30 million in strengthening and building new programs to assist with mental health, domestic violence, homelessness, education, and affordable housing. Let's end the long history of divesting funds from marginalized communities and police brutality and build out resources to strong social services instead. Thank you very much for your time. Best, Sydney Maves -- Sydney Maves Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

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6/9/2020 15:34	Isaac Hilbig	I am a resident of your district. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Isaac Hilbig

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6/9/2020 15:26	Henry Macomber	Hello, My name is Henry Macomber and I will be a student in Salt Lake City in August . I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our so called ?justice system? is crooked. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in outdoor recreation such as skate parks, play grounds, community gardens, schools, etc. Sincerely, Henry Macomber Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 15:27	Paige Hansen	Hello, My name is Paige Hansen and I am a resident of the Salt Lake City area. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the police force is no longer helping the community, they're hurting it. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in programs and trained professionals to help: homelessness, mental illness and addiction, victims of domestic violence, childcare, education, social workers, healthcare, affordable housing, and other important social programs. Sincerely, Paige Hansen Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 15:29	Stefahn Looney	Hello, I emailed earlier last week but hadn't received response so I am deciding to again write with my concerns. I am a resident and small business owner in Salt Lake City. I am emailing with concerns about the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I DEMAND that before voting the city makes DRASTIC cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, and relocate the money to community building services. I also demand that you maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is very important to me, this is an issue that I deeply care about. I would hope that you would instead I've \$30+ million into our education system or into housing! That money could be used to hire 200+ school teachers and to give current teachers a 20% raise. That money could be used to provide medical insurance to city residents, or to provide free therapy sessions to 300,000+ individuals. The money could be used to feed city residents! I would also like to encourage you to work toward firing AND prosecuting those that MURDERED Bernardo Palacios! Defund the police and I've in community! Strong communities make police obsolete. Thank you. -Stefahn -Stefahn
6/9/2020 15:27	Henry Macomber	Hello, My name is Henry Macomber and I will be a student in Salt Lake City in August . I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our so called ?justice system? is crooked. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in outdoor recreation such as skate parks, play grounds, community gardens, schools, etc. Sincerely, Henry Macomber Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 15:31	Hunter Iverson	I am a resident of Huntsville, UT. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Hunter Iverson

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6/9/2020 15:28	Hilary Anderson	Hello, My name is Hilary Andersen and I am a resident of and business owner in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I've seen so many successful countries with unarmed and minimally funded police systems work excellently. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in social systems to support anti rac'l'm, homelessness, and equality. Sincerely, Hilary Anderson



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6/9/2020 15:40	Jessica Ponce Hidalgo	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jessica Ponce Hidalgo

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6/9/2020 15:43	Seamus Foster	Hello, My name is Seamus Foster and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've that the safety and progression of our city does NOT depend on a stronger police force. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in the education system, homelessness and the healthcare system just to name a few. PLEASE defund the police in Salt Lake City. Sincerely, Seamus Foster

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6/9/2020 15:47	Rebecca Buening	I am a constituent of Salt Lake County, and I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects a considerable amount of funding away from the police and towards other personnel and intervention methods. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused and black and indigenous people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD and divest it of certain functions that would be better handled by social workers, nurses, or other personnel trained in crisis intervention. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police forces to become ever more militarized. Although the City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Thank you for your time, Rebecca Buening
6/9/2020 15:32	Hunter Tuesday-Heathfield	Hello. My name is Hunter Tuesday-Heathfield and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in regards to the 2020-21 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the major maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I want my community to thrive - many calls that the police address could be better answered by social workers. Additionally, crime is often a symptom of deeper problems, such as poverty. \$80 million is wasted on SLCPD instead of allocating those resources to the community to reduce the occurrence of crime. I hope instead that you I'vest \$30 million in community-strengthening resources such as education, rent relief, medical care, and meals for the hungry. With \$30 million reallocated, SLC could: Hire 235 new school teachers and give all teachers a 20% raise (SLCSD has 1300 teachers with an average salary of \$55,203) Provide rent relief for 24,291 months or 2,024 years (average cost of rent is \$1,235) Provide medical insurance for those who can't afford it - 5,530 individuals or 2,140 families (average cost of monthly individual insurance with no subsidy is \$452 for individuals, \$1,68 for families) Provide therapy sessions and mental health assistance to those who need it to the tune of 333,333 sessions (average cost per session is \$90) Provide 2.3 million meals to hungry SLC residents, equal to 6,322 meals per day (average meal cost is \$13) Thank you for your consideration. It is time to I'vest in our communities, not our police.

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6/9/2020 15:39	Stephanie DeHart	I am a resident of Utah County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. WHICH WE WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY LONGER. And I cannot stand that we've let it go on this long. How dare we. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Stephanie DeHart

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6/9/2020 15:44	Roger Nedel	<p>Dan, I want to offer my opinion as you, the city council, and the mayor try to decide on a proper course of action related to police oversight and funding. Local and national events only serve to strengthen my belief that we need to force significant change in the way police conduct themselves. While police officers act honorably during the vast majority of interactions, I see way too many instances of brutality and seeming indifference. We need to improve. We need oversight. Where might we focus our efforts? I have some ideas. First, we should de-emphasize militaristic types of response. Police departments seem to have amassed abundant stocks of riot control equ'l'ment. There certainly is a time and place for this equ'l'ment. That time does not include peaceful protest. Waves of officers marching in show-of-force tactics employing tear-gas, rubber bullets, billy clubs, shields, helmets, and body-armor serve to incite fear needlessly and to destabilize what very-well might otherwise be peaceful groups of protesters. I recognize that the police force may need to have a small- or moderately-sized squad outfitted in riot gear, ready for rapid insertion. But to make that first move - showing a massive, intimidating force before riotous behavior begins - can lead to a self-fulfilling prophecy. I recognize that we need to be able to protect officers. But we also need to police in a way that serves, rather than inflames the community. What oversight steps could we take? We could start by structuring civilian oversight for the use of aggressive types of riot-control equ'l'ment. * Naturally, swat teams would face less restrictive control upfront. * Make clear to the police chief that the Department'should not lead with riot gear and tactics when we expect mostly peaceful protests. * Have the chief submit recommendations to the city council for situations in which escalation to riot gear and tactics would automatically be allowed. Have the city council work with the chief to codify pre-approved guidelines. * For situations below the level where riot tactics are pre-authorized, but for which the police chief wants pre-approval, (s)he would need to seek advance authorization from a civilian supervisor (such as the mayor or the city council). Next, I would like to mandate and incentivize knowledge useful in de-escalation techniques. 1 of 2 *Continued Below*</p>

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6/9/2020 15:44	Roger Nedel	2 of 2 *Continued Above* It is clear to me that we need to mandate training in this regard. I envision lots of officers, and even instructors, rolling their eyes as we force them to attend this type of training. * I'm pretty sure that you and I both saw this adverse reaction during mandated training as military pilots. But I have also seen that attitudes can change with the right buy-in, delivered in a top-down manner, extending through city council, the police chain of command, training officers, and finally, officer mentors. * Specifically, cockpit resource management (CRM) is an industry term that airlines (and mirrored in medical operating rooms) have adopted. This valuable managerial technique took years before receiving widespread buy-in. It is now an indispensable tool that greatly increases safety throughout all phases of flight and in operating rooms across the nation. * The broad police culture needs to emphasize community service and non-violent problem-solving. It won't happen overnight, but with the right support throughout various civilian and police leadership levels, it can happen. * Incentivize further education in highly-desired degrees teaching non-violent problem-solving (such as social work, psychology, etc.). * Budget funds for officers to attain these degrees in their off time. Mandate that officers who benefit from these programs will need to pay back the community by staying on the force for some specified period. * Increase promotional opportunities to those with these desired degrees. * Increase officer pay by some percentage for those with these desired degrees. Finally, I think the mayor and city council should exert tight control over any funds used to purchase military-style equipment. Once again, I recognize that our police department needs this type of equipment. But we should not be so flush in these tools that we immediately turn toward their use without first availing ourselves of less-inciting and less lethal techniques.
6/9/2020 15:45	Anne Sara Bien-Aime	I am a resident of Philadelphia. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Anne Sara Bien-Aime
6/9/2020 15:35	Shannon Woulfe	Morning Council member Rogers, I'm writing to request that tomorrow the City Council defund the SLCPD budget by \$30 million and invest that money in social services including housing, mental health, education, and workforce development. Thank you, Shannon Woulfe

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6/9/2020 15:36	Tyler Tomlinson	Cutting police funding during these times would not be a smart move. Cutting funding means less training than we already receive. <a href="https://youtu.be/ymznwY2kbEU">https://youtu.be/ymznwY2kbEU</a> Sincerely Tyler Tomlinson
6/9/2020 15:38	Joseph Soldis	Subject: Officers pushing 75 year old man to the ground Chief Brown, Like millions of people across the country, I am frustrated by the looters and protesters. I would imagine your officers share the frustration. But they need to be trained to be tolerant and remain professional. The video clip of your officers pushing a 75 year old man (using a cane) to the ground was hard to watch. Suffice it to say that the officers crossed the line and should have been arrested, right then, in uniform. Had the tables been turned, and someone pushed an officer to the ground, he would be arrested, right? I hope you do what is right. Fire these officers and request criminal charges. Let the courts/jury figure the rest out. It doesn't take a long investigation to bring charges. Anything less would be an injustice. Best Joseph P. Soldis Retired Police Officer San Francisco, California
6/9/2020 15:39	Olivia Miller	I am so upset by the recent and ongoing police brutality against Black people. I'd like to know what our Community Council is going to do moving forward to end this. Campaign zero has some good, data driven, solutions ( <a href="https://www.joincampaignzero.org/#vision">https://www.joincampaignzero.org/#vision</a> ). It is completely unacceptable that this violence is paid for by public money (not that it is acceptable in any way). I realize you don't directly oversee the police but I know systemic racism is a local issue that our Community Council has power to address. Sincerely, Olivia Miller
6/9/2020 15:42	Jessica Toney	I am a resident of Utah County, moving to Salt Lake county this summer. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jessica Toney Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S7.



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6/9/2020 15:40	Rebecca Campbell	Our police do not deserve this and neither do the people of salt lake city. We deserve to continue with our first class police department. This time of emotions and lost trust between the majority if the people and the Mayor is not the time to make these decisions. We should be DEFENDING our police right now. They did not participate in anything wrong here.
6/9/2020 15:51	Rebecca Buening	I am a constituent of Salt Lake County, and I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects a considerable amount of funding away from the police and towards other personnel and intervention methods. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused and black and indigenous people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD and divest it of certain functions that would be better handled by social workers, nurses, or other personnel trained in crisis intervention. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police forces to become ever more militarized. Although the City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Thank you for your time, Rebecca Buening
6/9/2020 15:55	Tanner Nelson	Hello, My name is Tanner and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murderinf people unjustly. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Tanner Nelson

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6/9/2020 15:44	Jackie May	I am a resident of house district 24 and senate district 2. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jackie May Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 15:51	Jacob Skog	Hello, My name is Jacob Skog and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in mental health resources and local education. Sincerely, Jacob Skog Please excuse any typos or terse language - this was sent from my phone.
6/9/2020 15:53	Jake Alvey	Greetings from a fellow Utahan. I am writing to demand that the Salt Lake City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, -Jacob D. Alvey

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6/9/2020 15:52	Jacob Smedley	I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, [YOUR NAME] [YOUR ADDRESS] [YOUR EMAIL] [YOUR PHONE NUMBER] Sent from my iPhone
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6/9/2020 15:05	Erin Avondet	Hello, My name is Erin Avondet and I am a resident of Salt Lake City and physician working for the University of Utah. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because, as the Minneapolis, MN-based organization Reclaim the Block stated, "policereform has failed to bring any meaningful change to the violence that police commit against Black, brown, Indigenous, queen, trans, l'migrant, and disabled communities." Our focus should be on diminishing the power of police and divesting from policing to then l'vest in the community is the best way forward. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in community building services including mental health support, community violence prevention, public education, affordable housing, transit, improving air quality, Sincerely, Erin Avondet, MD
6/9/2020 14:57	Devan Nelson	Hello, My name is Devan Nelson and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we need change! Black lives matter. I prefer the 30 million dollars to go to health care. Sincerely, Devan Nelson Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android < <a href="https://go.onelink.me/107872968?pid=InProduct&amp;c=Global_Internal_YGrowth_AndroidEmailSig__AndroidUsers&amp;af_wl=ym&amp;af_sub1=Internal&amp;af_sub2=Global_YGrowth&amp;af_sub3=EmailSignature">https://go.onelink.me/107872968?pid=InProduct&amp;c=Global_Internal_YGrowth_AndroidEmailSig__AndroidUsers&amp;af_wl=ym&amp;af_sub1=Internal&amp;af_sub2=Global_YGrowth&amp;af_sub3=EmailSignature</a> >

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6/9/2020 15:01	Erin Weed	I was a resident of Salt Lake County, and I was brutally attacked by an officer in July of 2018. I still have scars on my legs from when he dragged me on the ground because I couldn't walk to his car. No deescalation measures were in place and I still live with the haunting memory of him. I have since left Salt Lake to live more safely with family in Denver. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police, who have shown a horrible track record of violence and have killed more Black people per capita than any other state in the US in 2019. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Erin Weed



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6/9/2020 15:07	Evelyn Lamb	<p>Dear City Council and the Mayor, I am a resident of the Avenues in Salt Lake City (district 3). I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Evelyn Lamb</p>



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6/9/2020 15:52	Ranjani Sunil	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ranjani Sunil

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6/9/2020 15:20	Hayley Lind	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Hayley Lind

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6/9/2020 15:22	Ally Hendrix	To whom it may concern, Hello, I'm Officer Hendrix and I work for Salt Lake City police department. I understand the notion of cutting the police budget has been on the table for debate. I hope I can help persuade you to reconsider not decreasing the funding for the police department. I understand these are stressful times for the city but, I strongly believe that diminishing the first responders' financial budget will not help solve the problem, but instead cause more of an issue. Each and every one of the officers that work for Salt Lake City Police Department have willingly given their time to be away from family, friends and loved ones for their love of the community. They did this to help keep peace in the city, the city they respect and admire. Salt Lake City officers have chosen to provide their service and skills for Salt Lake City because we all love the community and what it has to offer. We want the best for those who reside here, and for those who come to visit. The department members have all sacrificed so much to help the city day in and day out finding new ways to help make a positive change. Officers often, put in their own time and money to increase their education, whether through schooling or special trainings. We have also gone out of our way to be part of many community activities whether on duty or off to help provide positive community outreach and connection. The career and law enforcement family each of us have stepped up to be a part of, means so much to us, please don't take that away from us by reducing the Department's budget that we have worked so hard to make better. Every officer, spouse and family members of an officer, and non-police employees in the law enforcement family implore each of you to reconsider this decision and understand the hardship we too are facing. The a very small portion of the public are against us, please help us and help us show them we truly are good people and good cops who love our community, don't turn your backs on us when we need your help the most. Sincerely Officer Hendrix? ?
6/9/2020 15:24	Henry Coburn	I am a resident of Salt Lake City District. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Henry Coburn

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6/9/2020 15:33	Ian Wallace	To Mayor Mendenhall and the Salt Lake City Council I have concerns about the action to reduce the cities police budget in response to the murder of George Floyd. As a resident of Salt Lake City, a husband to an African American woman and a father to a mixed race child, and a member of Law Enforcement myself I have a vested interest in Law Enforcement reform. The concern I have is a lack of reform this plan of action entails. Cry? s all over the country to defund the police are made out of hurt and anger. This is a lazy solution made out of rage with no legitimate plan to reform Police Agencies. As an Officer I do not condone police brutality, not only is it unethical but when it happens it makes the rest of us pariahs and puts our lives at risk. I can say that the large majority of Law Enforcement Officers perform their duties with integrity. And this is the core of what makes reducing police budget as reform flawed. Reducing the budget of Salt Lake city's police is not reform, it's punishment. The loud voices of protest want to see the profession punished and while they are angry this is not constructive. Officers who perform their duties with integrity should not be punished. Real, tangible reform is needed. reform requires I'vesting in psychological screening for new hires, better training, better technology. Put in the work, make real reform, don't take the lazy option just to appease the loudest voices. Thank you for your time, Ian Wallace
6/9/2020 15:29	Hillary Livingston	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Hillary Livingston SLC, UT
6/9/2020 15:35	Ivan Martins	Hello, My name is Ivan Martins and I am a resident of and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in rehabilitative services for those in the city experiencing homelessness and resources for those struggling with mental illness. Sincerely, Ivan Martins.

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6/9/2020 15:43	raeah grant	Good morning, My name is Raeah Grant, and I am a resident, worker, and student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope you instead I'veest that money in the many areas of Salt Lake that are in desperate need of change, such as: our air pollution, giving school teachers a raise, providing rent relief for those that are struggling to pay due to COVID, and the housing crisis. Thank you so much for your time! Raeah Grant
6/9/2020 15:45	Jackson Milne	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jackson Milne Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 16:05	steve sprague	I am a resident of district five. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Steve Sprague 350 e 800 s Salt Lake City, Utah 84111
6/9/2020 16:00	Tamera Eaton	I am very grateful and and pleased with the performance of the police departments in Salt Lake. I am NOT in favor of any defunding of our police departments.
6/9/2020 15:54	Riley McBride	I am a resident of Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Riley McBride

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6/9/2020 16:04	Jamie Felicetti	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jamie Felicetti
6/9/2020 15:56	Jake Mageau	Hello, My name is Jake Mageau and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Jake Mageau



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6/9/2020 16:00	Jake Romero	Hello, My name is Jacob Romero and I am a RESIDENT Of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we can use this money to help out more in the community! I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in the community like schools, roads, and honestly anything better to help our community. Sincerely, Jacob Romero Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 15:56	Jake Lewis	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jake Lewis
6/9/2020 15:57	Jake Matsukawa	Hello, My name is Jake Matsukawa and I am a long time member of the Salt Lake City community. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because police have continually been shown to abuse there power and an undeniable use of racial profiling to target minorities in our city. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million into more important parts of the community like education, Heath care, more mental health programs. Sincerely, Jake

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6/9/2020 16:03	Samantha Petersen	Hello, My name is Samantha Petersen. I am a resident of Salt Lake City. And I vote! I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black folx, Indigenous people, and people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Samantha Petersen

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6/9/2020 15:59	Jake Pitkin	I am a resident of Senate District 2. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jake Pitkin

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6/9/2020 16:01	Saga Darnell	My name is Saga Darnell. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Saga Darnell

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6/9/2020 16:02	James Porter	Amy, I saw your comment regarding Bernardo Palacio in the SL Trib. I agree that there should be no special treatment for police. I spoke at the last town hall and voiced my displeasure with the police and my desire to defund them completely. Understanding that will not happen overnight, I also requested that we change our Community Review Board that currently only has the power to make recommendations and not dole out discipline to officers. Upon further review I learned about H.B. 415 that limits the power of the people to establish or empower a community review board that is allowed to dole out discipline or have power over the chief. I am new to politics and I am drawn in because as a latino man I am irate with the state of the world. I am being an activist as best I can but I do not know how to proceed, I do not know how to begin to build traction to repeal H.B. 415. Please help. Thanks, James Porter

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6/9/2020 16:03	James Talbot	I am a resident of Provo, UT. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, James TALBOT Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 16:07	Sophia Heiner	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Sophia Heiner

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6/9/2020 16:19	Serena Maxwell	Hello, My name is Serena Maxwell and I am a private investigator in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the police system needs a complete overhaul and reeducation before continuing work. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in addressing systemic poverty and racism through history and sensitivity training for all public servants. Sincerely, Serena K. Maxwell
6/9/2020 16:07	Jamie Gross	I am a resident of District 4 in Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jamie Gross



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6/9/2020 16:12	Teresa Kim	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Teresa Kim

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6/9/2020 16:14	Rebecca Speechley	I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Rebecca Speechley
6/9/2020 16:09	Jamie McIntosh	I am a resident of Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jamie McIntosh
6/9/2020 16:14	Anonymous Constituent	I do not support defunding SLPD.

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6/9/2020 16:14	Janet Arellano-Puga	I am a resident of district 1. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Janet Arellano-Puga
6/9/2020 16:15	Amy Sailer	Dear Salt Lake City Council, My name is Amy Sailer and I am a resident of District 3. I am writing to implore that the City Council adopt a budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. Salt Lake City has the opportunity to join cities like Camden, New Jersey, in disbanding and recreating a fair, just, and accountable police department. Because police departments across the country, including the SLC police department, are protected by unions that ensure violent, draconian practices stay in place, reform" is an empty gesture. I bell've SLC should take the same steps as the Minneapolis to disband the department to an institution that serves all of Salt Lake City. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. Mayor Mendenhall has proposed a \$2 million increase in funding to the SLCPD for FY2021, after an increase of over \$11 million from FY 2019 to 2020, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and other people of color. I join the call to demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utah's during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. The budget is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to adequately fund public programs, including education and adequate housing, which will build up communities of color rather than causing them violence and further entrenching poverty. The time is here for change. Thank you for your time, Amy Sailer
6/9/2020 16:18	LaRetta Foxley	

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6/9/2020 16:17	Rob Vorwald	I am a resident of District 3. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Rob Vorwald,
6/9/2020 16:19	Sarah Gibbs	Hello, I am a resident of house district 26. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Sarah Gibbs

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6/9/2020 16:24	Jason Christensen	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jason Christensen Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 16:21	Cameron Porter	As someone who works in Salt Lake City, the idea that the police should have their funding reduced or removed completely is absurd. If the goal is to lower crime, then I would point to study after study that shows that the best way to reduce crime is to INCREASE policing, not decrease it. If the goal is to prevent rac'l'm, I would ask for the overwhelming evidence that the SLCPD is replete with rac'l'm. If it is being used to justify the potentially massive amounts of harm that will come from preventing them from doing their jobs as effectively and safely as possible, then the evidence needs to be near-100% conclusive.

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6/9/2020 16:22	Rachel McLaws	<p>Hello SLC leaders, My name is Rachel McLaws. I've been a resident of Salt Lake City for 23 years. I am white and my white privilege has kept me "safe" from undue bias from the people my tax dollars pay to protect me. However, that rarely the case for my Black brothers and sisters. I am writing to the decision-makers in my city because I want to see a defunding of the inherently and historically racist police systems in our city. In light of many recent events and the long history of police brutality towards Black people and people of color, I have been reviewing the policies of the Salt Lake City police department. I appreciate some of the policies in place today to prevent brutal use of force, but I bell've we must do much, much better as a city. Additionally, to the extreme divestment in the SLC police department, I demand the following changes to the policies based on strong nation-wide analysis</p> <p>&lt;<a href="https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56996151cbced68b170389f4/t/57e1b5cc2994ca4ac1d97700/1474409936835/Police+Use+of+Force+Report.pdf">https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56996151cbced68b170389f4/t/57e1b5cc2994ca4ac1d97700/1474409936835/Police+Use+of+Force+Report.pdf</a>&gt; , expert research &lt;<a href="https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/06/how-actually-fix-americas-police/612520/">https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/06/how-actually-fix-americas-police/612520/</a>&gt; , and the NAACP &lt;<a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/CA3sZirBGkQ/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link">https://www.instagram.com/p/CA3sZirBGkQ/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link</a>&gt; : 1. Ban police offers from using knee holds, choke holds, strangle holds or any type of hold that could cause breathing to be impaired. 2. Require officers to de-escalate situations by communicating with subjects, maintaining distance, and otherwise eliminating the need to use force. 3. Require officers to intervene and stop excessive force used by other officers and report these incidents l'mediately to a supervisor. 4. Ban officers from shooting at moving vehicles. 5. Require officers to report each time they use force or threaten to use force against civilians, and make these reports public. 6. Reduce funding to police departments and redirect those funds into l'vestments in non-policing community services. Funds spent on departments should prioritize tactical ethics training and auditing. 7. A use of force continuum should be put in place with at least 6 steps, and with clear rules on escalation. Externally audit this training and test officers for retention of policies. Officers who violate these rules should be l'vestigated for decertification at a minimum. <b>1 of 2 *Continued Below*</b></p>



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6/9/2020 16:22	Rachel McLaws	<b>2 of 2 *Continued Above*</b> Clearly define ?reasonable means? with steps and examples and then require officers to exhaust all other reasonable means before resorting to deadly force. Require officers to give a verbal warning, and then at least multiple seconds for the person to cooperate peacefully, before shooting. Or, better yet, require officers to get approval by calling a central dispatch before resorting to using guns or other deadly force. 8. Implement Citizen?s Review Boards in each municipality that provide transparency and accountability on ALL police incidents in which officers make physical contact or use weapons of force. Commit to a 30-days-or-less release of information about all incidents. Ban any methods that shield officers from conviction in the case of breaches of any of the use of force regulations. 9. The Open Records Act must ensure officer misconduct information and disciplinary histories are made public and not shielded. Recertification credentials must be denied for police officers if determined that their use of deadly force was unwarranted by federal guidelines. 10. Implement and audit early-intervention accountability systems for officers. 11. Train and externally audit first-line supervisors for adherence to all of the above policies; including corporals, sergeants, and lieutenants. I would also like to say, I am a teacher at a local school in Salt Lake City. I know that divesting from the superfluously funding police system could lead to adding AMAZING resources in schools, including more teachers, aides, materials, higher wages, social workers, counselors, food technicians, and campus management staff! Please pump needed funds away from violent cops to the education of our children and young people! There is no excuse for not acting now. These changes are within your power to influence and of the utmost urgency. -Rachel McLaws
6/9/2020 16:24	Sam Resetarits	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Sam Resetarits

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6/9/2020 16:27	Jassir Machuca	I am a resident of Orem, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jassir Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 17:44	Julius Jefferies	I am a resident of District 1. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, [YOUR NAME]
6/9/2020 16:28	Jaxson Perry	I am a resident of East Millcreek (Salt Lake County). I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jaxson Perry Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 16:30	Sasha Nugter	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Sasha Nugter

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6/9/2020 16:34	Sam Carter	Hello Mayor Mendenhall, My name is Samuel Carter and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. In fact, I graduated with you from the College of Mines and Earth Sciences last year. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into social services for the homeless and the African American communities. Sincerely, Samuel Carter
6/9/2020 16:31	teresa nam	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Sincerely, Teresa

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6/9/2020 16:48	Savannah Lavenstein	Mayor Mendenhall and Team, I am a resident of District 1. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Savannah Lavenstein

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6/9/2020 16:32	Shykell Ledford	Councilwoman Valdemoros, I want to retract my encouragement to increase funding for the police department. I am learning more about defunding the police and I don't wish to encourage you to do anything other than use your best judgment at this time. Thank you for your service. Shykell Councilwoman Valdemoros: I hope I am not too late to encourage you to give more funding to public safety. I will admit I do not know the details, but I believe our police and public safety officers must have more training on deescalation tactics and diversity topics. The abhorrent abuses of power we've seen by the police across the nation must never happen again. Please vote to do what you can'to support training our officers, they need to be held to a higher standard than they currently are. If there's a way to give funding to recruit better officers from the beginning, I encourage you to fund that. Thank you for your service. Shykell Ledford -- Shykell Ledford
6/9/2020 16:33	phoebe marsh	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Phoebe Marsh
6/9/2020 16:36	Sierra Sherratt	Hello, My name is Sierra Sherratt and I am a resident of Layton, UT and previously Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to other community services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because if we focus our budget towards free public mental health services we will see a decrease in suicide rates and drug overdoses. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in our future and our communities mental health. We are a fractured nation and we need trained doctors to help us, not more armed soldiers scaring us. Sincerely, Sierra Sherratt



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6/9/2020 16:47	Tessaly Jen	Dear Mayor and Council Members, My name is Tessaly Jen and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I'm writing in regard to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Specifically, we demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocates the money to community building services, and that the mayor maintains a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Although the City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Tessaly Jen

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6/9/2020 16:34	Jeffrey Costales	Dear City Council Member, I'm writing this message to you as a concerned member of our community. After I read the public announcement published on June 5th by Dan Weist on behalf of the City Council, I felt as though your message lacks any real substance or action in a time where action is needed. We need our leaders to stand up and not just talk about change, but make it happen. The announcement you provided your constituents acknowledges the need for action and the actions you laid out are completely void of it. I encourage you to take another look at actions you can'take TODAY and give the people of this amazing city real ACTION. To quote Martin Luther King, Jr. "justice too long delayed is justice denied." If you are not aware of the movement "8 can't wait", you should be. There are 8 easily enacted policies with no cost to the taxpayer that will prevent another Bernardo from being shot and killed by the police. - Ban Chokeholds & Strangleholds - Require De-Escalation - Require Warning Before Shooting - Require to Exhaust All Alternative Before Shooting - Duty to Intervene - Ban Shooting at Moving Vehicles - Require Use of Force Continuum - Require Comprehensive Reporting I think this City and its Citizens deserve more action than "examine in excruciating detail" police training. I examined in excruciating detail the bodycam footage and know that if some of the above policies were in place, Bernardo would still be alive today. I look forward to the City Council meeting on Tuesday. Thank you, Jeffrey Costales
6/9/2020 16:40	treton miller	I am a resident of Salt Lake CityI am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Treton Miller
6/9/2020 16:36	Jennifer Markelz	Hello, My name is Jennifer Markelz and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I request that before Tuesday's vote, the city reallocate \$10 million funds within the SLCPD and reallocate at least \$20 million to community building services. This is important to me because I think we need to come together to fight racial injustice. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in police de-escalation skills, police education of racial biases, transition from fear-based to care-based law-enforcement, mandatory therapy for police officers, and community based housing/employment organizations. Sincerely, Jennifer Markelz Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 16:38	Jenna Tiller	I am a resident of SLCO District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jenna Marie Tiller
6/9/2020 16:39	Jenna Webb	I am a resident of Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jenna Webb

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6/9/2020 16:43	Jeremy Devine	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although the City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jeremy Devine

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6/9/2020 16:41	Tristan Andreani	I am a resident of Millcreek. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Tristan Andreani

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6/9/2020 16:42	Amy Workman	Dear City Counsel, I am writing because I heard there was a proposal to defund the police force. I am so disappointed that SLC Mayor and Counsel would even consider defunding our police even by a dollar. We do not have enough police officer's to handle the crime and accidents in SLC. You should consider increasing the budget not cutting it. This last week has been very disappointing to most citizen's of SLC. The lack of leadership that Mayor Erin exhibited with handling the riots was horrendous. She allowed a bunch of thugs take over and destroy our city. Low estimates have damage at over \$200,000.00. As a tax payer and a citizen I am mad that she told police officer's to stand down. Had they been able to do their jobs they could have been on top of the protest and nothing like this would have happened. I am tired that Mayor Erin thinks she can l'mplement an agenda that is so far from the conservative values that the state was founded on. As her council, I urge you to talk to and listen to the law abiding citizen's of this state and all of you do what is expected. Your job is to insure that the citizen's of this state are safe and protected from any thing of the likes that occured this last week. Please don't fall for the liberal babble that is playing accross our nation. With out law and order we have msyhem. As we saw with the riot in down town SLC. Also remember, the law abiding citizen's vote at most elections. You may be able to change things, but if you fail to protect the citizen's we can change who represents us. And we will. Sincerely, Amy Workman



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6/9/2020 17:10	Joleen Woyshner	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Joleen Woyshner
6/9/2020 16:53	Anonymous Constituent	To whom it may concern,Please do NOT refund our Police Officers,if anything they should be given more training if needs be and or a raise, is this what Utah is coming to??



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6/9/2020 16:45	Jess Perry	Hello Amy, This is addressed to Amy Fowler, but I'm also sending this to Mendenhall. My name is Jess Perry, I live in SLC. A few things. I watched three hours of the city council meeting a couple weeks ago. I haven't been that involved in local politics, but I remembered your name because you were the only one that didn't look bored, you looked engaged. My zip code is 84102, I don't even know what district I'm in, but it really feels like you're the only one that's listening. Thank you for your statement about Bernardo Palacios. Its nice to see at least one person in power cares about justice being served. Amy, I want to know you said you would do everything in your power to bring justice, and I want to know what your plan is. Defund the SLCPD by at least \$30 million and reallocate that money. This is why: My name is Jess Perry, and I work as a landscaper/ gardener full time. We had a client at an art gallery downtown, and my coworker accidentally stepped in human shit. That's soooo not okay. Especially during a pandemic. I know a lot of homeless people have been hanging around that area. I honestly don't blame them for pooping in that spot, it was in ivy, its a beautiful little garden, its enclosed for privacy, etc. I DO NOT WANT to call the police because of this. I want money REALLOCATED to homeless services, for housing, for mental health. I don't want to put anyone in trouble for not having access to a toilet. Terrifying that We're not equipped for a pandemic, but We're equipped for violence and aggression on call. Also allocating money towards education. My mom is getting a pay cut which is also messed up because of all the extra work educators had to put in to transition to online teaching. Speaking of transitioning things to online. To benefit you, the mayor, for everyone in SLC.... PLEASE consider allocating money to get an IT guy, computer technician, whatever guy, to improve how you're receiving emails, as well as online city council meetings. There were sooo many glitches in that city council meeting, the website was horrible, I had watch a live stream of someone recording their computer from their phone to be able to watch. We live in 2020, there is better technology out there, please find a way to improve that. Thank you so much for your time, thank you for reading what I have to say. Sincerely, Jess Perry
6/9/2020 16:49	tegan robinett	I am a resident of Council District 1. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Tegan Robinett

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6/9/2020 16:48	Jesse Walker	Hello, My name is Jesse Walker. I am a resident and small business owner in downtown Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. As your constituent, I respectfully request that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate those funds into community building services. I would also like to see Mayor Mendenhal maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. The importance of this should be obvious here now. For many years me and my husband have been alarmed by the regular number of police shootings in Salt Lake City. We are also deeply concerned by the increased militarization of the police here in Utah and around the country. There are and have to be better ways to address systemic inequality, oppression, and injustices. Re-allocating these funds would be a good start and send a message that Salt Lake City cares about its citizens in a real and tangible way. Thank you for your time, and for taking this seriously. Sincerely, Jesse Walker

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6/9/2020 16:53	Stacey Thornton	I am a resident of Riverdale, UT. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Stacey Thornton

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6/9/2020 16:58	Treasa Stewart	Dear Salt Lake City Council member, First of all I would like to say that I appreciate everything you do for our city and I know that you are all in a very difficult position right now. I hope and pray that you will be able to make the right decisions for our city and the citizens who live and work here. I am currently a recruit for SLCPD and am attending the academy and I am very concerned with the possibility of budget cuts for the police department. I bell've that cutting the budget would be a monumental mistake that would appear to be done out of anger and a desire to harm the police department rather than a desire to bring changes and improvements to the police department. Budget cuts result in police officers being overworked and underappreciated. We will be expected to do a better job with less resources, inadequate equi'ment, and no time or budget to gain additional training and the skills that are necessary for improvement. Law enforcement is already a stressful and exhausting job and budget cuts will result in more exhaustion and more stress. An article in the Harvard Business Review talks about the negative effects of stress and exhaustion in the workplace. Studies show that when We're overworked and exhausted we tend to misinterpret non-verbal cues from those around us, usually in a more negative way. Not only do we incorrectly perceive the world around us more negatively, We're also more likely to act upon that information. ( <a href="https://hbr.org/2014/12/working-too-hard-makes-leading-more-difficult">https://hbr.org/2014/12/working-too-hard-makes-leading-more-difficult</a> ) The results of budget cuts will be the opposite of what our community needs right now. Please don't make that mistake. And please remember that the vast majority of police officers have chosen this career to protect and serve the community that they love. We are not the enemy, please don't treat us as such. Treasa Stewart

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6/9/2020 16:52	Rachel Chamberlain	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Rachel Chamberlain

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6/9/2020 16:54	Savannah Smith	I am a resident of Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, SAVANNAH SMITH



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6/9/2020 16:55	Shelby Aiono	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Shelby Aiono

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6/9/2020 17:09	Ria Agarwal	Hello, I am a resident of Holladay, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ria Agarwal

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6/9/2020 16:57	Stephen Bradley	Dear Mr. Dugan, don't you dare vote to cut the police budget by 30% We need a strong police force now more than ever with the petty crime and ?skin head? radicals in this state with plenty of guns and a contentious election coming up. I know revenues are down but cut something like parks, rec centers, or trails or something we can make up for later??not police protection! Delay road improvements?..we are used to the potholes anyway, they have been there for years. We never see police in our neighborhood?but then our district only makes up for 6% of the crime in the city??even though we are seeing increasing petty theft and vandall'm. The bigger question is why some of our police are being sent to Ogden to reinforce their inadequate police force. They should reinforce with National Guard if it is that bad??.I will personally see to it to NOT re-elect any councilperson who votes to cut fire and police. Stephen Bradley

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6/9/2020 16:58	Stephen Bradley	Dear Mr. Dugan, don't you dare vote to cut the police budget by 30% We need a strong police force now more than ever with the petty crime and ?skin head? radicals in this state with plenty of guns and a contentious election coming up. I know revenues are down but cut something like parks, rec centers, or trails or something we can make up for later??not police protection! Delay road improvements?..we are used to the potholes anyway, they have been there for years. We never see police in our neighborhood?but then our district only makes up for 6% of the crime in the city??even though we are seeing increasing petty theft and vandall'm. The bigger question is why some of our police are being sent to Ogden to reinforce their inadequate police force. They should reinforce with National Guard if it is that bad??.I will personally see to it to NOT re-elect any councilperson who votes to cut fire and police. Stephen Bradley

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6/9/2020 16:58	Jessica Kemper	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. I have witnessed these behaviors and actions myself while downtown near the library. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utah's during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. So much good could be done with that money. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jessica Kemper

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6/9/2020 17:03	Jillian Giandurco	Hello, I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. To be clear, I am NOT a resident of your city, so no need to respond if you do not see fit. I am simply exercising my freedom of speech because it is the least I can do to ensure the safety of my fellow Americans. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time.
6/9/2020 17:02	Sydney Johnson	I am a resident of Salt Lake City (Millcreek). I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Sydney Johnson



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6/9/2020 17:10	Phoebe Heins	I am a resident of South Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. SLCPD is not in ?solidarity? with us. They have been harming and intimidating peaceful protesters in full riot gear for the past week. While our healthcare workers have had to reuse PPE in the midst of a global pandemic. We have seen our communities struggle for too long, it is time to reallocate the asinine funds that go to the SLCPD back into our underfunded communities. Thank you for your time, Phoebe Heins
6/9/2020 17:14	Sydney Rich	I am a resident of the 4th District. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Sydney Rich

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6/9/2020 17:05	James Forrest	Hello, My name is James Forrest and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in schools and community centers. Sincerely, James Forrest Black Lives Matter
6/9/2020 17:08	John Hayes	Hello, My name is John Hayes and I am a resident Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the entire system, especially that of the police needs to be rethought. it's important for the safety of our citizens, for the communities of color and the black community. it's important to me because of the future of my beautiful nephew, who is black. it's time to do things differently. The current system isn't working. It just isn't. it's important to me that the 30 million plus dollars of the budget be allocated to uplifting communities, instead of brutally policing and oppressing them. Sincerely, John Hayes
6/9/2020 17:18	Jordan Guckert	Hello, My name is Jordan Guckert and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public transportation, air quality, education, and mental health community resources. Sincerely, Jordan Guckert Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 17:13	Tyler Norman	<p>City Council, Please do not disregard this; it is not an attack on you, it is a cry for your help. It has come to my attention that during this extreme time, we have faced earthquakes, pandemics, incidents of unjust actions from officers not belonging to your City, riots leaving officers injured (some of these injuries being permanent), and an Officer Involved Critical Incident. It has been tiring for everyone in this country, this state, this city, and this police department. Officers and civilians have been working long hard hours, and the risk has become almost unbearable. I have risked my life from exposure to COVID-19 from one call to the next for this city. I have risked bodily injury, and have been permanently injured from violent fugitives in the line of duty. I have been assaulted off-duty and had a violent offender fight me for my gun, unprovoked. I have risked my life standing in a thin blue line from violent protesters that were able to turn your city into a war zone. Dangerous items such as rocks, hatchets, street signs, maintenance hole covers, skateboards, baseball bats, etc. were hurled by violent rioters who were chanting that they wanted your police dead. This resulted in 26 officers who reported injury to the city, not counting other injuries that went unreported. Several officers were hurt that stood there for many hours, and still protected the city you represent. Officers risk their life day-in and day-out, answering the calls that no one else will. Officers respond to civil disputes, domestic disputes, threats with a gun, etc.,and unfortunately sometimes it results in taking a life to stop the threat to the officers and the public, especially when several people had already been threatened with a gun, the gun pointed at their heads, one victim being hit across the face with the gun, all while being robbed. The existing ten-day release of body camera video does not breed transparency, but actually paints a whole l'vestigation, which takes several months, into five minutes. This is unjust to officers who protect your city, who were in a life or death situation with a man with a gun and pointed it at them, the full detail of which is not depicted in the short press release. The men and women in Blue, who are highly professional and well trained, protect this City at all cost, even if this cost is their own life. I understand your position is to hear the complaints from the city residents, city business owners, and city employees, as doing so is part of your job. I also understand that the ones who appreciate the police have been vocally accepting of us and have thanked us (myself included) every day we are out on the street. They understand that this job is hard; it's dirty and sometimes forces you to make life-altering decisions based on the behavior of violent criminals. They often tell me that they appreciate that we wear this badge, and risk our lives so that they do not have to. This is often forgotten, especially when there hasn't been an officer death in Salt Lake city'since way before the election of the current administration. Salt Lake City Police Department is an exceptional department that deals with violent crimes more than other cities in Utah. 1 of 2 *Continued Below*</p>

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6/9/2020 17:13	Tyler Norman	2 of 2 *Continued Above* This, in turn, means there is more likelihood of an officer-involved critical incident than in other areas. It is only fair that you do not decide where you stand until you have the full story of the OICI, just as it would only be fair to assess the efficacy of our elected officials on their entire term and not on one negative incident. Officers come to Salt Lake City Police Department for the professionalism, opportunity, and compensation for their greater exposure to risk than in other areas of the state. With all the information above, I implore you to not cut the police budget. If the police budget is cut, you can expect the following as a result: inadequately trained officers, inadequately equipped officers, underpaid officers, and ultimately, good officers leaving this department. Food for thought, your city only survived this last week because your officers fought by themselves, even though the odds were against them. Your officers fought while outside agency officers from around the state responded, not to protect this city, but to fight with our officers who were fighting an evil they could not defeat on their own. This adds extreme liability to your city, for which you are culpable as its city council. Now, imagine if you did not have the equipment, you did not have the manpower, and you did not have the dedication of your current police department to protect this City. Our city would be unrecognizable, and might more closely resemble the chaos of Minneapolis over the past week, consumed by fire and anarchy. I understand some of you have families; I too have a family. I have two three-year old children and a wife at home, whom I kiss and say, see you soon, knowing I may not come home. To be honest, the risk not seeing them again is overwhelming as it is, with potential funding cuts making that risk even more difficult to abide. I believe that the Salt Lake City Police Department is the best in the state and best in the country. Do not ruin us, and please, do not abandon the city that we love by robbing its protection. With an aching heart, Tyler Norman
6/9/2020 17:09	Charlie and Erin Johnson	Ms. Valdermoros - We are constituents in your district, living near Trolley Square. After reading the article in Sunday's Salt Lake Tribune about the Council plan to "examine in excruciating detail" the training and budget provided for the Salt Lake City Police Department, we wanted to reach out with our views. We appreciate and respect that the council is taking swift action to respond to recent events, and we hope that these efforts can produce a useful framework for future reform. That said, we worry that a focus on just budget and training will overlook systemic problems extending beyond policing to the larger economic and justice structures in our city. In particular, we are concerned about previously reported instances of over-policing of homeless and drug-using populations, as well as a lack of empathy for individuals reporting sexual assault and rape. In our opinion, we as a city ask our police to regularly deal with situations that are better handled by mental health, social work, and community-building experts. We see this moment as an excellent opportunity to review how power structures within the city interact with all underrepresented constituents, not just people of color. Thank you for your time and service. We look forward to seeing the Council deliberations on this matter. Charlie and Erin Johnson
6/9/2020 17:10	Anonymous Constituent	Please do not cut the budget for police. Please use the funds to help further train them and work towards reforming police so we don't experience what Minneapolis has experienced.

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6/9/2020 17:12	Jonas Harris	I am a resident of Salt Lake county. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jonas Harris
6/9/2020 17:14	Jonathan España	Hello, My name is Jonathan Espana and I am a current resident of Cottonwood Heights. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our current system does not adequately evaluate the mental health issues or racial biases that result in the use of excessive force and harassment of minorities. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, public transit, and mental healthcare mainly for low income districts and diverse communities. Sincerely, Jonathan Espana
6/9/2020 17:47	Anonymous Constituent	I am apalled that defunding or cutting back police funds would even be thought over. police are alresdy underpaid. we will lose good officers! we will see an increase in crime! 911 response will be slower because of understaffing. If anything you should increase their budget, so good people dont leave the police force for better jobs! also so you can do more training! I am absolutely sickened that everyone isnt standing with the men and woman in blue that go out every day to serve and protect our community! our police go towards gunfire when we run away! we should honor and protect them!

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6/9/2020 17:16	Regan Breeze	I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Regan Breeze
6/9/2020 17:18	Jordan Breen	I am a resident of Midvale, UT. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jordan Breen



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6/9/2020 17:17	Dustin Parks	Hello City Council, This may be one of the more of the more important emails I have written in a long time. My name is Dustin Parks and I am the Community Programs Manager for Salt Lake City Police Department. Most of you probably don't know me, although I have met many of you throughout my 3 years here. However, you may have heard of many of the Community Programs I over see. Programs like Coffee with a Cop, Citizens Academy, Volunteer Corps, Annual Book Drive, Various Community Events, Police Pay It Forward, Halloween Fun Fest, and many more. I am emailing you today to please ask you to not cut funding for the Salt Lake City Police Department. I took this job 3 years ago. I left a good job in San Diego to take this job. I took this position because I saw a unique opportunity to make real change. I am not an officer I am a civilian and a minority. I have a unique perspective. I promise I am open minded and not blindly loyal to the Police Department. I have made some real positive change since taking this position. I have a strong relationship with many minority groups in Salt Lake including the Latino Coalition I started over two years ago. This department hired me to build bridges with the community and this position was created by community input. I agree we have a long way to go, however, I truly bell've we are on the right path. What concerns me is that I don't have a budget to begin with. I have one Police Officer that is able to help me out. Salt Lake is a big city and there are a lot of groups that deserve to be heard. Cutting our funding puts all the progress and work we have done in these past 3 years in danger. Not only may we have to cut some of these vital programs, but me being a civilian employee may be in danger of being laid off also. I would argue that my position is more vital than it ever has been. Now is the time to increase our efforts and continue to build relationships with the community we serve. I work very hard to insure all the voices in Salt Lake are heard, at least as many as I can get to. I urge all of you to reach out to me and lets work on solutions to continue to build the trust of the community and our police department. Now is not the time to cut funding, now is the time to work on moving forward and creating something special for this city. Setting an example and building a model other agencies can learn from. I understand the difficult position you all are in. I was Vice President of my local Town Council in San Diego. I know the pressure you all feel right now. I am sure you are inundated with calls and emails. I hope you have taken the time to read this one and more importantly I hope you reach out to me. I am always here to listen and work with all of you on solutions. My cell is . I hope to hear from all of you, and more importantly I hope you reconsider cutting our funding. Best, Dustin Parks

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6/9/2020 17:19	Kolson Jordan Sweat	Hello, My name is Kolson Jordan Sweat and I am a resident of Central City, Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because black lives matter, and that money can be better spent within the community. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public transportation/trax. Sincerely, Kolson Jordan Sweat
6/9/2020 17:16	Jonathan Holmgren	I am a resident of Central Ninth District. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jonathan Holmgren

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6/9/2020 17:22	Misty Morris	Hi, While the world is clearly done with the violence and racial injustices everywhere, defunding our police here will not give folks the end result they desire. The entire system is rife with racists and set up to be unfair. I bell've we need citizen review boards. We need more funding to reduce problems like substance abuse, before it becomes an issue. Our society is extremely reactive. If we shift our thinking to be proactive, work on changing our justice system to be less discriminatory, get in new legislators that serve more than just the white, religious majority, we will see the change we want. For now, I appreciate the difficult job we have set up for our officers and do not envy their position. Please work on the problem and not just the symptoms. Thank you. Misty
6/9/2020 17:20	Jordan Vogel	Hi, my name is Jordan Vogel. I grew up and went to school in Salt Lake County. I am writing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million and reallocate the money to community-building services. The police have too many responsibilities and have become too militarized. Police who can shoot Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal 20+ times yet still fail when Lauren McCluskey calls for help are not benefiting the community. I support the NAACP and BLM's demands to reform and limit the responsibility of the police department and to prop-up community services more capable of handling issues such as mental health, rehabilitation, poverty, etc.. Please be a leader to the rest of the country in reforming and re-training to create a police department where officers de-escalate violence, feel safe to report misconduct, and have that misconduct justly penalized. thank you, Jordan Vogel
6/9/2020 17:28	Josh Stohl	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Joshua Stohl

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6/9/2020 17:20	Josaleigh Pollett	Hello Amy, I am a resident of Salt Lake City, and I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Josaleigh Pollett
6/9/2020 17:26	Josh Rath	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Josh Rath

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6/9/2020 17:30	Josh Walter	Hello, My name is Josh Walter and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the system is broken and disproportionately targets people of color. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into social programs and education. Sincerely, Josh Walter
6/9/2020 17:30	Josie Cluff	Hello, My name is Josie Cluff and I am a Salt Lake City utah and a members of the health care field. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our country is suppose to be FREE. ALL OF US. Black lives are included in ?all? and it does not see that way. These funds can be EVENLY distributed in our country to serve a better life style and a SAFE lifestyle for EVERYONE. Unconditional love, support, fairness, etc is expected and it doesn?t seem to be these things at all. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in black communities, homeless population, health care, and parks and recreation devoted to BLM. Sincerely, Josie Cluff

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6/9/2020 17:39	Julia Wihongi	I am a resident of Pleasant Grove. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well-documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Julia Wihongi,
6/9/2020 17:23	Joseph Maloy	Hello, My name is Joseph Maloy and I am a resident of and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public education and better addressing the needs of our homeless population. Sincerely, Joseph Maloy Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 17:32	Josie Cordova	I am a resident of Poplar Grove, council district 2. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Josie Cordova
6/9/2020 17:33	Jennifer Ficci Haase	I am a resident of Sandy Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jennifer Ricci Haase Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy Note8.



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6/9/2020 17:34	Julane Machado	I am a resident of Millcreek, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time. Julane Machado
6/9/2020 17:37	Julia Dressman	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Julia Dressman

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6/9/2020 17:38	Michelle Maxwell	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Michelle Maxwell
6/9/2020 17:39	Michael Showalter	Hello, My name is Michael Showalter and I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I am a student at the University of Utah. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's <x-apple-data-detectors://0> vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 50 million, and reallocate the money to community building services, our schools, and healthcare for those that can it afford it. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because time and time again our system has proven to favor citizens based on their race. In 2018 alone 25% of all gun related deaths were caused by police officers. It takes more training to cut hair than to become a police officer. Our police have learned they can get away with almost anything because they have a badge. This must change. Sincerely, Michael Showalter

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6/9/2020 17:41	Juliana Wright	I am a resident of Salt Lake County I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Juliana Wright
6/9/2020 17:45	Juniper Heidenfeld	I am a resident of Salt Lake City . I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Juniper heidenfeld Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 17:46	Michael Oliver	Hello, My name is Michael Oliver and I am a Resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I also demand you fire the police chief. This is important to me because I fear the police here in Utah. I'm also frustrated that they are above the law. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education and community outreach programs. Sincerely, Michael Oliver

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6/9/2020 17:47	Justin Smedley	I really bell've this. Let's make a change for the better. I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Justin Smedley
6/9/2020 18:02	Mia Klenk	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Mia Klenk Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 18:03	Melody Maglione	To Whom It May Concern: I am a resident of House District 24 and Senate District 2. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, -- Melody Maglione
6/9/2020 18:13	Melissa Foster	Hello, My name is Melissa Foster and I am a resident and teacher in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in education and protecting wild Utah. Sincerely, Melissa Foster
6/9/2020 18:14	Melissa Stewart	Hello, My name is Melissa start and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've in our community and the funding of programs to HELP communities and aid citizens, not arrest and punish them. I bell've it is long past due to decriminalize mental health and addiction. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in social workers, community outreach, education, resources for underserved communities, and addiction services. Sincerely, Melissa Stewart

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6/9/2020 18:15	Melanie Yang	I am a resident of Magna, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Melanie Yang Magna, UT 84044
6/9/2020 18:16	Melanie Bustos	Hello, My name is Melanie Bustos and I am a resident here in Salt Lake City, UT. I am reaching out in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I am demanding that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that Mayor Mendenhall maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to be because Utah is the leader in the disproportionate killing of black people by the police, and I don't believe more funding should go to the people who've been murdering and tear-gassing our residents. We don't want more trainings, equipment, policies or reform. We've tried that and it hasn't worked. We want defunding. I hope instead you invest \$30 million into programs like Prevent Child Abuse Utah, Utah Harm Reduction Coalition, and other community building services like our education system in Utah, mental health services, and services that better serve our homeless populations. Thank you so much for your time. Best, Melanie Bustos
6/9/2020 18:17	Melanie Bassett	Hello, My name is Melanie Bassett and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in education and healthcare. Sincerely, Melanie Bassett



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6/9/2020 18:18	Susan Runyan	The police risk their lives daily and should receive full funding or increased funding. Equal treatment for all is important and restraint should be done in such a way to limit health impal'ment and injury; but that does not mean the police or public should be put at risk. I think peaceful protest is great but when it turns to violence, looting, and destruction of property those peple should be arrested and prosecuted. In Salt Lake City the police have not been heavy handed, they have given warnings and time for people to comply. Thank you to the compassion and tolereance shown by police in an increasingly underappreciated profession.
6/9/2020 18:31	Scout Cohen-Pope	I am emailing to address the proposed 2020-2021 budget. I am a resident of this city who watched the footage of Bernardo Palacio-Carbajal murder by the hands of police who are on paid administrative leave. I am a citizen of this nation who has watched police play judge jury and executioner with BIPOC in every state. We knowreform doesn?t change the attitudes or action of the police. The only thing that will bring justice for Bernardo and his family, and make our city and our nation safer is abolition of the police. I am calling you to start by defunding and disarming the police in salt lake city and reallocating that money in our community. This money should go to rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line, free public transportation, trained mental health professionals, after school programs, meals for students... the list goes as far as our collective imagination can'take it. We can imagine a word without the police. To refuse this vision of a better world, or to approach it with pessim!m and fear is to uphold white supremacy. So again, I demand you make drastic cuts to the SLCPD before the final budget vote. Additionally, I am demanding the officers involved in the murder of Bernardo Palacio-Carbajal be fired and prosecuted. I am also demanding the resignation of Mike Brown for allowing the execution of Bernardo and not l'mediately taking action against the officers involved. Thank you for your time, Scout Cohen-Pope

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6/9/2020 18:45	Meghan DeGemmis	Hello, My name is Meghan DeGemmis. I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there are ways to de escalate and support those in a state of crisis without violence or charges. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in children?s development in knowledge of their emotions, heritage, community, and education overall. As well as a stronger community for all that reside here. Sincerely, Meghan DeGemmis Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 18:35	Mel Martinez	SLC council, Let's take a page from the #defundpolice movements around the country. For example huge cuts have been proposed for the Los Angeles PD, and Portland PD. Universities and school districts around the country are ending their contracts with police departments and of course the most revolutionary work is being done in Minneapolis, MN. I want to follow in their led. I demand for SLC to- Defund the police by maintaining a hiring freeze and cutting the police budget by 30 million dollars. Give up on policereform. I don't bell've it's possible. it's unnecessary anyway because civilian and community programs can replace police. I'vest in alternatives to policing, that can respond to l'mediate issues and repair systemic and deep rooted community problems. Take action now, but plan for the medl'm and long term. Remove police from schools. Abolish prisons. Repeal laws that criminalize survival.
6/9/2020 18:41	Jana Fowers	If we want to improve our police department, then why would we defund them? As a form of punishment? PLEASE Do Not do this. We will no longer go to Salt Lake (and we go there every week), we have family who work there, if we feel it isn't a safe place. You have got to think clearly and not bow to the demands of a few. The police need more money to get more officers, have more training, etc. PLEASE DO NOT DEFUND!!
6/9/2020 18:46	Meghan Banks	I am a resident of district 3. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Meghan Banks Salt Lake City, UT 84103

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6/9/2020 18:47	Anonymous Constituent	do not disband the police... we need them
6/9/2020 18:45	Meghan Harding	Hello, My name is Meghan Harding and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, and work at SLCC. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I would like to see some positive change in light of this horrible situation we are all in. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in enriching school programs, school lunches, helping small business owners, or just about anything that could positively impact our community in Salt Lake. Sincerely, Meghan Harding
6/9/2020 18:47	Lawrence Fowers	I work in Salt Lake. I love the city. I love the calm and peace I feel there any time of day. I feel it would be a terrible mistake to defund our police force. They do an excellent job of helping our city to stay safe and peaceful. I have witnessed officers interacting with the homeless many times, as my office is close to the Shelter. They are always kind and respectful. These people need a raise, not a slash in budget! Please reconsider. Please.
6/9/2020 18:57	Megan Funk	Hello, My name is Megan Funk and I am a resident of Murray City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I can't sit back and watch my hometown, that I'm otherwise very proud of, oppress and attack our black brothers and sisters. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in working to separate the values you uphold from the church, from the diverse state We're in. We need educate our young children not to judge and to be humble, so we can attempt to have a successful future here in Utah. Sincerely, Megan Funk
6/9/2020 18:49	erica parker	I am against defending the police. crime would rise and we would be left at criminals mercy.
6/9/2020 18:51	Aidan Croft	As we have seen across the country and in Utah, there is ridiculous over spending on police forces. they receive millions of dollars to buy equipment that enables officers to abuse their power and hurt harmless citizens. There is no reason why Salt Lake city should be spending over \$80 million on police while Utah still ranks lowest in per student spending. I've millions in education, not police brutality.

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6/9/2020 18:51	Megan Sales	To Whom it May Concern, I am a resident of Davis County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Megan Sales -- Megan Sales, M.Ed
6/9/2020 18:55	Rhyannon Rodriguez	I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at the very least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services in the form of Covid-19 testing and healthcare, rent relief / homes guarantee, and free public transportation. This is important to me because I have lost both of my jobs to Covid-19 and have a hard time imagining a future to bell've in. I am inspired by the Minneapolis City Council. I want us to not only imagine a society without policing and more community l'vestment, but build it. At the very least, I hope that you will defund the SLCPD and instead l'vest in Covid-19 relief. Thank you for your time.
6/9/2020 18:56	Megan Funk	Hello, My name is Megan Funk and I am a resident of Murray City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I can't sit back and watch my hometown, that I'm otherwise very proud of, oppress and attack our black brothers and sisters. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in working to separate the values you uphold from the church, from the diverse state We'reside in. We need educate our young children not to judge and to be humble, so we can attempt to have a successful future here in Utah. Sincerely, Megan Funk

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6/9/2020 19:18	Ariel Ford	Briefly I will say that I have worked extensively with officers in law enforcement and in prison settings in my role as a psychologist in California prior to moving here. I have much respect for the difficulty of the work and the people who do it honorably. I have also worked extensively with children in foster care and men and women caught in the prison system, some deserving some not. What i can say beyond a shaow of a doubt is that we nee dmore l'vestment in education particularly in lower income neighborhoods. We need more l'vestment in keeping families together and supporting parents who are struggling. We need more l'vestment in transitioning children from foster care and rescuing them when they are on a downward spiral. We need more l'vestment in treating mental illnesses as illnesses rather than handling them as crimes. We all draw from a limited pot of money, I bell've - beyond a shadow of a doubt - that more l'vestment in the communities and individuals that struggle under the weight of poverty, limited educated, poor upward mobility, limited access to healthcare and the yolk of a racist system would benefit those communities, but would also make us all safer. We all benefit from a more just and equitable society and if that means we need to l'vest more in some communities and individuals in order to create real equity and less in policing those communities and individuals, that is the right thing to do. I do not want to put anyone's life at risk, so we cannot divest from police departments without rel'vesting l'mediately in the people who need most to be lifted up. We are in a confusing and difficult time, but we have the opportunity for positive change as yet unseen by prior generations. Thank you for your time and your service. Regards, Ariel Ford
6/9/2020 19:19	Anonymous Constituent	I am a resident of Salt Lake City . I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.
6/9/2020 19:34	Anonymous Constituent	I ask the city council to consider pushing funding away from the SLC police force and towards public health resources instead including mental health, social workers, and affordable housing. We must actively work to level the playing field and not criticize people for struggling in an unfair system.

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6/9/2020 19:35	Randi Scheidler	My name is Randi Scheidler and I am a resident of the Fairpark community and a student nurse. I am writing you to weigh in on the proposed 2020-2021 proposed budget. I demand that before the final vote the city makes drastic cuts to SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate that money into community services and COVID-19 relief. I also demand that Mayor Mendenhall maintain a hiring freeze for new police officers throughout the fiscal year. In light of recent events the illusion of safety provided by our police force has evaporated. While I respect most of the individuals who choose to become police officers, I have lost respect and confidence in the institution itself. We don't need more police officers, we need more community resources that work to dismantle the systemic racism of our society. We need to focus on lasting solutions for the problems that lead people to crime, addiction, homelessness, and violence. I firmly believe that defunding the police and slowly reinvesting those resources and energies into community-building projects is the only compassionate way we can move forward as a city. Thank you.
6/9/2020 19:46	Elaine Sayer	My name is Elaine and I am a resident of District One in Salt Lake City. I am asking City Council to work towards defunding the SLPD. This is a system that has proven itself to be corrupt and broken time and time again. AT THE LEAST, I demand the funding be cut by 30 million this year and reallocated to housing, mental health resources, education, etc. I demand that the police involved in the murder of Bernardo be immediately fired and charged. I demand Chief Mike Brown step down and a hiring freeze enacted for the entire department. Mike Brown has proven to be loyal to his officers and not to his community. You guys have the power to choose where this budget is directed and you either have the opportunity to invest into the community, or back into the militarized force actively discriminating and fighting against it.
6/9/2020 19:48	Trent Van Alfen	Dear Council, My name is Trent Van Alfen and I live in Millcreek. I would like to add my voice to the requests for a drastic reduction in our city's police budget. \$84 million is too much for a police force that has become increasingly militaristic. As a citizen whose taxes help fund this budget, I demand that before the final vote the city cut the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million. These monies should be reallocated to community services that focus more on preventive, evidence-based services to help put vulnerable people on a path toward a healthier, safer life. This is much better than police handling these people with intimidation, violence, and jails. I also request an immediate hiring freeze on any new police officers through the remainder of the fiscal year. These actions would make our whole city safer and instill more trust in SLCPD...something that is obviously lacking right now. Thank you for your time and attention on this matter.
6/9/2020 19:59	Valerie Walker	Dear Sirs and Ladies, with all respect due you...This is insanity. WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?!
6/9/2020 20:10	Kellyn Trummer	I am writing to ask you to re-allocate 30 million from the Police Budget to other necessary mental health, housing/homelessness, substance use, transportation, and education services. The community will be better served by investing in current services and creating new ones where appropriate to deal with the root of the problem. The police are not the right team to deal with people with chronic homelessness, substance use, or serious mental illness - we need treatment and stable housing! Thank you.

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6/9/2020 20:10	Tim Knutson	i have only lived in SLC for around 10 years and in that time homelessness has become a larger and larger issue. The answer to this and many other issues facing the city is absolutely not more money towards Policing. Please defund the police and put money towards social services, low cost housing, and other public good. The police absolutely do not need armored transports to make the city'safe.
6/9/2020 20:17	Athena Schwartz	Good evening, My name is Athena and I am a resident of Salt Lake City and have been for 9 years. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. While I encourage you to completely defund the police, I understand that may not be an option at this time. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. I encourage you to redirect this money to schools, hospitals, and/or homeless communities. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. I'd love to speak with you more on this issue and hear your opinions. Thank you for your time, Athena Schwartz
6/9/2020 20:17	Megan Asay	Hello, My name is Megan Asay and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because it has been made very clear in the last few weeks just how corrupt the system is and always has been. Unfortunately, simplereform isn't enough and defunding of the police is essential to preserving the lives of so many, particularly Black people and people of color. I'veesting in initiatives and organizations that ACTUALLY help people and have received specialized training in dealing with mental health issues, etc makes far more sense than continuing to fund an inherently racist, corrupt police force. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in Mental Health Services, housing for the homeless, affordable housing, EDUCATION, and specific initiatives directed at helping the most vulnerable - specifically black and brown people. Sincerely, Megan Asay



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6/9/2020 20:19	Meg Barlow	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Megan Barlow SALT LAKE CITY UT 84111
6/9/2020 20:28	McKenna Gunderson	I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, [YOUR NAME] [YOUR ADDRESS] [YOUR EMAIL] [YOUR PHONE NUMBER] Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 20:21	McKenzie Stock	Hello, My name is McKenzie Stock and I am a resident of Utah. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in helping the homeless community in Salt Lake City. Sincerely, McKenzie Stock

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6/9/2020 20:22	Anonymous Constituent	keep our officers funding. we love them.
6/9/2020 20:30	Anonymous Constituent	
6/9/2020 20:36	McKay Mattingly	Hello, My name is McKay Mattingly and I love and work in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. Additionally, systemic problems call for systemic solutions. Meaning I am in favor of a complete overhaul of the SLCPD as an entity in our city. Funds must drastically move to services that will bolster our communities of color. This is the first step in criminal justicereform and it needs to start locally. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because for far too long in this country Black people have been the target of rac'l'm and police brutality. From Slavery, to Jim Crow, to the new Jim Crow. Enough is enough. Not in my city. The entire world is watching and I want to say that my city was one of the first to be on the right side of history. The police department is overfunded, over militarized, and under trained As for where the money should go? I encourage you to sit with stakeholders for people of color. Talk with black lives matter, talk with organizations on how best that money should be allocated. Sincerely, McKay S. Mattingly
6/9/2020 20:40	Maya Kobe-Rundio	My name is Maya Kobe-Rundio. I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Maya Sent from my iPhone

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6/9/2020 20:40	Maya Jolley	Dear Mayor Mendenhall and SLC City Council members, I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people (Rest in Power Bernardo Palacios). We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, Mayor, you have proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Maya Jolley Salt Lake City, UT
6/9/2020 20:44	Anonymous Constituent	defund and demilitarize the slcpd. nothing less than a 30 million dollar decrease in their budget is acceptable.
6/9/2020 20:44	Maya Metz	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Maya Metz

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6/9/2020 20:46	Maurena Nauman	Hello, My name is Maurena Nauman and I am a student and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. this is important to me because the SLC police Department has proven themselves to not put the safety of the community first they act on impulse despite their training and continue to brutalize people of color and the elderly. This is unacceptable and we do not feel safe with them. Sincerely, Maurena Nauman Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 20:47	Eli Kauffman	As a concerned resident of Salt Lake I would like to voice my support in defunding the Salt Lake City Police. That money is not yours to spend, it is taxes from our community, it should be spent on services that benefit us. Put that funding into education, mental health services, housing for the homeless, or environmental protection. SLCPD is violent, escalatory, and unnecessary. Operation Rio Grande was a perfect example of the terror they inflict on vulnerable people. And what about Bernardo Palacios? Or the many others SLCPD has harmed? What about Darrien Hunt? Bobby Duckworth, Patrick Harmon, Elijah Smith? Dillon Taylor, Harold Robinson, James Barker, Cindrea Europe? Cody Belgard, and Di'monte Riviere. All of these people were needlessly murdered by the Salt Lake City Police. There has been no accountability. What about the violence inflicted by SLCPD on inland port protesters last summer? These are not a few bad examples, this violence is the backbone of the police department. As a city we can do better. Fund resources that aid your citizens instead of kill them. You owe it to us. Do your job.
6/9/2020 20:54	Matthew Halpin	I am a resident of SLC. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Matt Halpin

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6/9/2020 20:55	Matthew Miller	I am a resident of House District 24 and Senate District 2. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Matthew Miller
6/9/2020 20:56	Christie Toth	I urge the Salt Lake City Council to reduce funding levels for the Salt Lake Police Department and divert the funds to social services that help addicts recover, provide people experiencing homelessness with shelter, connect those struggling with mental illness with appropriate long-term mental health care, mentor young people, and provide meaningful education and employment opportunities for those who are out of work.
6/9/2020 20:56	Matthew MacDonald	Hello, My name is Matthew MacDonald and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I would like to request that before Tuesday's vote, the city make cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you invest that \$30 million in healthcare, addiction treatment, mental health services, education, trail building and maintenance, environmental protection, or something else that's actually edifying for our community rather than the further militarization of the police. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Matthew MacDonald

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6/9/2020 20:59	Mason Shea	Dear Mayor Mendenhall, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Wharton, Ms. Valdermoros, Mr. Mano, Mr. Dugan, and Ms. Fowler I'm a resident and worker in Salt Lake City, specifically in Ms. Fowler's, district and I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from traditional policing, towards programs and policies that help SOLVE public issues.. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Mason Shea 84105
6/9/2020 21:01	Marlene Urcino	Hello, My name is Marlene Urcino and I am a Eagle Mountain. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because for our future youth, families in need, etc!! I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, after school programs, feeding children. Sincerely, Marlene Urcino Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 21:03	Marleen Goodman	A budgetary cut could not come at a worse time. Officers are working overtime and putting their lives and their families on the line . A budgetary cut at this time would be a slap in the face to the ones offering their lives to keep Salt Lake city's citizens protected. Sincerely, Marleen Goodman

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6/9/2020 21:06	Mark Sama	I am a resident of Utah County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Mark Sama Orem, UT 84097
6/9/2020 21:08	Andrew Earley	I am a resident and small business owner in salt lake city. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Andrew Earley Mark of the Beastro Slc, UT 84111



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6/9/2020 21:10	Marjorie Bernal	Hello, My name is Marjorie and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because funding can be redirected to better support our community. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education and housing. Sincerely, Marjorie Bernal
6/9/2020 21:13	Marissa Day	Hello, My name is Marissa Day and I am a resident of the Avenues. I am asking that the city council and mayor review and reduce the funding amount going to the police department and divert funds to community resources like education, mental health services, providing meals and housing, and other support for our community. Marissa Day Salt Lake City, UT 84103
6/9/2020 21:16	Marisa Alder	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Marisa Alder Salt Lake City, UT 84103
6/9/2020 21:20	Marian Florence	Darin and Jason, I thought you might enjoy this ode to our closed street - my daughter Maren and I collaborated on a performance this afternoon. I sent the video over to the transportation department, but thought you also might enjoy a bit of levity and gratitude in the midst of such crazy times. Thanks to both of you for your leadership in our awesome neighborhood! Marian Florence

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6/9/2020 21:21	Mariah Lopez	Hello, My name is Mariah Lopez and I am a resident, full time worker AND full time student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the police brutality and ongoing issues such as racial profiling, have stemmed too far. The way SLC PD handled the pursuit of Bernardo Palacios was utterly and completely wrong! I am also writing you for justice for Bernardo Palacios. I can not believe Police Chief Brown handled the case and in such way and I think he should be fired as well as action items on how we can be better. Bernardo should have been detained and arrested but clearly that was NOT any of the officers intention.. maybe one as he yelled ?...tase him!... tase him!!... tase him!!? Right before other officers unload T W E N T Y or more shots!! Not to mention Bernardo had stumbled fallen and could have again, been detained but that was NEVER SLC intentions. I demand justice and actions to be taken on those officers. I hope instead, you reinvest \$30 million back into the community, helping build the community in fighting gentrification along low income and targeted areas, ie- south salt lake, rose park. I've invested in public transportation and schools!! To truly build the better future we elected you for. Sincerely, Mariah Lopez
6/9/2020 21:36	Katie Andresen	I sat in during city council tonight and did not get an opportunity to speak. I am an employee of the Salt Lake City Cooperation and want to share my thoughts. I recognize that SLCPD already has a civil review board, already has the "8 Cant Wait" policies in place, and that SLCPD has impartial and unbiased policing training, as well as de-escalation training. I don't demand anything, but I'd only request an itemized budget for SLCPD be released so we know where that money is going. We already have a hiring freeze, bans on choke holds, and don't use military grade equipment. If the public understood where the budget is going, instead of arbitrarily stating "defund 30 million" perhaps seeing where that money would be taken from and what safety the public would lose people would understand. If we could see where the money was going, maybe the public would have a more educated opinion on police budget and allocation of funds. Thank you.
6/9/2020 21:58	Anonymous Constituent	if police are committing crimes they should be brought up on charges like everyone else not defunded which punishes to good police. the real way to make the police work better is for the citizens of SLC to get involved in working with the police to create a unified action to improve public safety and to enforce the law. defunding the police will only drive a bigger wedge between the community and our officers. we hire them to ensure public safety. let's make sure we work with them to achieve that end.

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6/9/2020 21:59	Hank Willl'ms	<p>I have been following the developments of the last two weeks. I appreciate the concerns being expressed by protestors. I see those that riot as both detractors from the message and criminals. I see our city officials and public servants doing thoughtful and well executed plans to get away from the destruction of the rioters with as little damage (to people and property) as possible and back to the message of the peaceful protestors. I commend that. I am concerned about the public cry (though from a small group) for defunding the Police Department. I have read extensively of the arguments for defunding and those in opposition ? there are good points in both. I have worked with those who have suffered under homelessness (honest folks who are homeless, but wanted to work out of that situation) and, I have seen how counseling programs and mentorship can change their lives in permanent, positive ways. There could be ways that improved programs can have permanent, positive impacts on crime, broken neighborhoods and inequalities of opportunities for different communities. Some of these programs have been tried, some with success and some without. These programs need to be developed tested, improved, reconfigured as necessary. This has to happen BEFORE we can feel safe in moving away from the existing law enforcement structure to new and improved societal ways of life. I strongly bell've that it is foolish and dangerous to defund the Police Department and then hope we can come up with effective alternatives. That doesn?t mean that improvements in policing can't and shouldn?t continue. They should and they should be ongoing. The SLCPD and community leaders have been and are continuing to work together to improve the effectiveness, training and accountability of our police force. The horrific death of George Floyd in Minneapolis shouldn?t make Salt Lake City take steps that are reactionary and risky. We should keep a level head and work jointly for improvement. Punishing the Police Department by withdrawing funding won't meet the test of thoughtful and well executed planning. The New York Times national survey published this morning adds some light on what the nation?s citizens see as things that can be done now. Opinions will vary by communities and community groups, but the overall perspective is important. I tried to paste it too this message, but your format wouldn't allow it - I suggest you look it up. I ask that the Salt Lake City leaders take a thoughtful and well-planned approach to needed changes. We should all work together to develop plans where success may mean moving funding from policing to more effective programs. If that is done correctly, most people, including the police, will applaud the progress. Thank you for your consideration. Charles Willl'ms</p>
6/9/2020 22:00	Anonymous Constituent	<p>I am absolutely against defunding our officers. They are already underfunded as well as understaffed.</p>

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6/9/2020 22:26	Cassidie Fenton	<p>I am so incredibly disappointed that we are even having to talk about this, but I am writing about you considering to defund the police. This is ABSOLUTELY not an option! What kind of a world are you trying to create by even supporting this kind chaos. Did you not witness what happened to downtown SLC over the past week of riots? This terror!m, vandall!m, hate, looting and complete chaos will happen if you defund the police! This so called movement has never been about Black Lives Matter it has only been about getting people to hate the cops. If it was about black lives then people throughout the world would be furious about the black police lives that have passed (among the many other colors who died while protecting us!). Fighting hate with more hate is not the way to win. I love people of all colors and will always treat people with respect. I am not a racist and neither is my husband who is in fact a police officer and has been for 13 years! You can not let this hate for one cop turn all of our great men and women into racists who wear the badge! What that officer did was wrong, but you can not judge everyone for what he did. You can not allow this kind of terror!m to run our cities. Stand up to this so we can find ways to help people feel equal. Think realistically what kind of crime and hate you are encouraging by defunding the police?! What message are you trying to send to the Salt Lake City... that you agree all our officers are guilty of rac!m and deserve to be punished?! Are you trying to say you want cops to start to quit and leave your city to fall into the hands of criminals?! Start standing up for the people that put their lives on the line everyday they go to work! You need to support them since they are out there in the face of the people that hate them, terrorize them and treat them like garbage. I can only hope there is some shred of humanity within each of you to realize these are good men and women you are punishing. My husband has not ever made decent money in this career! He doesn't do it for the pay. He does it because he loves it. Well loved it, before all of this. He continues to go out while you sit behind your desks hating him for it! How dare you even consider this as an option. I am so disappointed and frustrated that you people who should be behind our police force are abandoning them. Do you really not see how much we need them? Or are you just bending to terror!m? Please ask yourself the reason for why you are considering this? Is it to make our city a better place or is it only to get this BLM garbage to end?! Right now you can't pay people to go apply to be a cop! Who do you think is going to step up to apply to be a police offiver when you keep treating them like garbage?! Please, Please, Please stand up for what is right! Do not let this hate take over our beautiful city and spit on those who still fight for you!</p>
6/9/2020 22:21	Anonymous Constituent	
6/9/2020 22:53	Anonymous Constituent	
6/9/2020 22:56	john r	<p>The police are doing theor best for SLC but reducing the number of officers is NOT what the community needs to feel safe! in fact like most communities the police force is greatly understaffed and underfunded. establish a change in culture, establish training, look at means to deal with stress issues traumatic or covid related. we need to be committed to excellence</p>

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6/9/2020 23:01	Kate Cochrane	I am the wife of a officer with SLCPD. Statistics show that where there is police presence there is decreased crime. What do you hope to gain from cutting the Department's budget? If anything, the Department needs a budget increase to provide MORE officers and MORE training. I encourage you all to go on ride alongs. Please do your homework and gain perspective as well as the data. Review Utah laws as well as Federal law. In regard to the recent officer-involved shooting, the man who ran from police and was killed was a felon in possesion of a firearm who had used it to rob from 1 or more law-abiding citizens. He was on parole and had broken a FEDERAL law. The officers chased him and gave him verbal instruction 17 times and he refused to obey commands, which was also in violation of his parole. At that point, use of deadly force was warranted and necessary to protect the lives of those in close proximity. So, I ask you this: Would you rather have an armed convicted felon evading parole running free and, more likely than not, hurting the community - YOUR community? Or would you rather our laws were enforced to help keep law-abiding citizens from harm? You can only choose one. Do the right thing. Police are essential. We can not have a civilized society without them. Can you imagine what the increase in crime will be with a decrease in police? it's a truly horrifying thought.

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6/9/2020 23:33	Damon Talbot	Honorable Council'members, I write to you tonight as a resident of the fifth district in Salt Lake City. Tonight you heard from dozens of my neighbors. We all share the same goal; Make Salt Lake City a safer community for all of us. We bell've this can only be done by the systematic and deliberate defunding and reduction in the Salt Lake City Police Department. I've been a supporter of "thin blue line" and honored slain officers for years, including the officer recently in Ogden. This past week's protests nationwide, and here locally have completely changed my perspective. We have seen officers shoot non-lethal rounds at People'sitting peacefully exercising their rights to assemble. We have seen them assaulting people. We saw them create terror and fear in our community. This is unacceptable. We have for years heard the same tune being said by officials currently "we will address these issues, but in a better time and place" which has never happened. I don't support the looting, violence, and aggressive destruction of some of the protests but I understand it. it's time for actual accountability. Officers who perform misconduct need to be fired and arrested if it's criminal in nature. Officers who are "good cops" must not remain silent as that's just as bad. This isn't just about race, its a systemic issue of inequity based on all kinds of factors; socioeconomic, race, religion, politics, all have been used by police for decisions that should only be judged against the laws. I hope that this time things continue until AFTER changes are made, not just promises to talk about it. Tonight though after watching the presentation by the SLCPD during the work session I'must also demand the resignation or firing of Chief Brown. During his presentation, there were numerous lies, omissions, or half-truths used to paint an inaccurate picture. Firstly, in regards to "rubber bullets," he responded that those are against department policy. He then explained further they are allowed to use "hard foam bullets" as if that is any better. The fact that he would use semantics to defend the outrageous actions of the police shooting multiple persons during the protests is disgusting. What this distinction between 'rubber' or 'foam' bullets tells me is the Chief does not understand the fundamental issue isn't the ammunition used but the fact we should NEVER be shooting ANYONE other than a life or death situation. Secondly, is the claim that the department does not have a problem with "systemic rac'l'm" just weeks after yet another minority was shot and killed by an officer in this city. The fact he would boldly make this statement rather than acknowledge that we ALL have much work to do in this area. Systemic rac'l'm is not just the acts that you do, but those that you do not stand up against. The fact Chief Brown thinks were having no improvements to make is troubling at best, and freighting at worst. Council, I hope that these last two weeks of protests, emails like mine, and the late-night council sessions with dozens of your constituents calling for defunding and abolishing the police department, and the removal of Chief Brown will not be ignored. Damon Talbot
6/9/2020 23:40	Anonymous Constituent	buenas noches mi nombre es Marya y tengo 4 hijas en la escuela y yo pienso que la mejor manera disponer ese budget ? seria l'vertirlo en la EDUCACION de nuestros jovenes y niños. nuestras escuelas se esa estan quedando sin esos recursos, programas, material etc; yo hablo por mis hijos que son estudiantes de high school y middle school y estan desmotivados y tristes porque quitaron programas como AVID, Latinos en accion y es por falta de este dinero. y que este dinero ayudaria mucho a nuestras escuelas porfavor pensemos que ellos son el futuro del pais y teniendo una buena educacion ayudara a que sean nuestros futuros prefesionistas. gracias y Dios los ayude a que tomen una buena descision. Dios los bendiga

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6/9/2020 23:41	Anonymous Constituent	I hope we as a community can support our police force who willingly put their lives on the line everyday for us. No organization is perfect but without a relationship of trust and respect i do not see a way out of these difficult times. I support full funding of the police department and hope you will too. Thank you.
6/9/2020 23:53	Anonymous Constituent	
6/10/2020 0:19	Geoff Nelson	I'd like to add my voice to others to encourage the city to significantly cut funding to SLCPD and divert those funds to social programs and including funding for the homeless, substance abuse treatment, etc.
6/10/2020 7:06	Brig Dunsmore	I see a lot of cries to "Defund the Police." I would ask that you dont give in to a vocal few and follow this foolish course of action. improve training, resources, and oversight, but dont defund. The Washington Post publised a story noting that in 2015 the were over 50 million interactions between police and the public. .00002 percent resulted in a police shooting. that shows there is room to improve, but NOT a widespread problem. Please use prudence amd good judgment and dont get swept up in the moment. Dont defund the police.
6/10/2020 7:20	kelly eggertsen	please dont defundthe police. we need good law enforcement!
6/10/2020 7:26	Anonymous Constituent	hello, I work in SLC and I wanted to Express concern over the idea of defunding the police department. I don't have any problems with analyzing the budget and looking for places to reduce cost, but I don't know if there's enough time to do that sensibly without making rash and dangerous cuts. I understand there is a lot of anger right now, but I do not think defunding or even a hiring freeze is the right answer. Please take the time and do it right instead of trying to rush something in at the last minute that could do more harm than good to our beautiful city.
6/10/2020 7:46	Anonymous Constituent	This is absolutely the WRONG direction and is NOT supported by the facts. The Washington Post has kept track of all police killings and the numbers are going DOWN - last year, I bell've, more whit's were killed by officers than blacks. This is not to say there isn't a problem - of course there is - but to blame the entire police force when clearly, good work has been done and we were trending in the right direction is insanity. This is MOB rule. THE MAJORITY OF CITIZENS ARE WITH THE POLICE. We just don't know how to support - make our voices heard. If someone will organize a march in support of the police - Let's call it "American Lives Matter" - I'll be there! This isn't about race. This is about culture. We need leaders with guts. Time will prove you were right.
6/10/2020 8:10	David ONWUKEME	Hello, My name is David Onwukeme and I am a student at The University of Utah. I am writing in reference to your proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because as someone who has friends and family who deal with physical and mental health issues I hope instead you I'vest \$30 million dollars in Mental Health and Wellbeing Initiatives across the state, especially within communities that have little to no access to these things already. Thank you, David



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6/10/2020 8:14	Zoe Perry	Dear Salt Lake City Council Members, I am writing you today in hopes that you will truly stand for your community by reducing the police budget by a minimum of 30 million, and by charging Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal's murderers. In effect, I am asking you to reduce the scope of our police force, rel'vest in our Community, and no longer allow such negligent use of force against us (and we all know how far this statement extends outside of Bernardo's unlawful murder). I could quote to you that the black population of utah is roughly one percent, but in our police force deaths, the black population comes in at a whopping ten percent. I could remind you that cops in utah kill more people than our gang violence does, but I would have to hope that by this point, given your positions of power, you are all VERY familiar with ALL of numbers and facts. I would also now like to take the time to thank Councilwoman Amy Fowler, who has spoken out against the unlawful murders, and implore Councilwoman Fowler, and all council members, to act. Stand by your community and I'vest in us. Defund the police. Thank you for your time, Zoe Perry Salt Lake City Resident
6/10/2020 8:11	Todd Hamilton	Hello, My name is Todd Hamilton and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope I'vest the \$30 million in better solutions to solving problems the city may have. For example, having social workers or mental health professionals respond to emergency calls, or EMTs when necessary. The way we are currently handling situations where police report isn't conducive to a better future society and equal life for all. Thank you for your time, Todd
6/10/2020 8:38	natalie durham	I used to work security at the road home and saw on a regular basis SLCPD interact and do their jobs. they responded well, my wish is not to take money away from them- I would ask that you look at their money, and reallocate more to training programs to give them the resources they need to respond with as many "tools" as possible, whether its a mental health call, criminal call, medical call or otherwise. These are our first responders and we owe it to them to give them the best training and "tools" for the job.
6/10/2020 9:05	Anonymous Constituent	I would just like to express my significant concern for the latest "movement" to reduce the SLCPD budget. I am NOT in favor of this. I am a resident of Salt Lake. I work downtown. Our area experiences crime and the SLCPD have done a great job reducing the issues in our area. Additionally, it seems that many of the individuals for the reduction are repeating the same scripted statement, which also cause me to question whether they have actually looked into the issues. it seems more of a irrational response to the recent issues in our Nation. In short, I am strongly not in favor of reducing the budget for the SLCPD.
6/10/2020 9:17	Anonymous Constituent	Please do not defund the police! I am all for black lives matter but when you defund the police, way more than blacks will be suffering! What about all the children that are rescued from trafficking or domestic abuse or drug homes? What about all the gang violence and home invasions? There is so much more to police than people think about or probably even realize! If anything they need more trainings and ways to deescalate situations and other ways to subdue someone. Have potential police officers have more rigorous schooling first. Make ethics and racial'm a more important class that has ongoing trainings when they become officers. We really need police in our lives. I would hate to find out what would happen if we didn't!!

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6/10/2020 9:28	Summer Armitage	I do not agree that we should rush to defund (re-allocate SLCPD funds). The city, council, and citizens should work together with Chief Brown to make adjustments to policy and have civil discussions about our concerns. The SLCPD has been more responsive to the public's concerns than departments in other American cities and we would be doing them a great disservice by lumping them in with 'bad cops' and 'bad departments.' I don't think police departments need surplus military vehicles and equipment however so perhaps just be clear on what the department funds should be used for.....recruiting and paying high-quality candidates, training, community programs where the police can work together with the community. A rush to judgement and knee-jerk reaction will only harm our city in the short and long-term. Please re-consider this rush to re-allocate police funding and work with the SLCPD to continue to improve.
6/10/2020 9:40	Robert Ricks	We have had a number of crime incidents at our home and along our street. The last thing we need is LESS policing! In the cases that have touched our family personally, there was not sufficient police resources to track down the perpetrators. Specifically, our car was stolen a few years ago from right in front of our home. We were told they simply didn't have the resources to track it down or even try to find the perpetrators! We can't allow this to happen to our community! As a taxpayer, I would encourage the city to improve police training where necessary to root out any bias that may exist and improve police tactics where needed. But PLEASE DO NOT DEFUND OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT! Thank you, Rob & Cortney Ricks
6/10/2020 9:47	Anonymous Constituent	I am concerned that if funding is cut we have have even LESS of a police presence in our neighborhood. We already have a ton of small issues that don't get the attention they need - especially speeding on residential streets where small children and families with pets live. Please consider that our district is only a small portion of the city and we need as much help as we can get to keep our community safe for everyone.
6/10/2020 10:06	Amanda Sherrod	Please do not defund the police department. I also do not support putting restrictions on how they can protect themselves. Special training and screening ok. Also get these protestors off the streets and stop them from destroying our city. Good luck and I pray for you guys and for the men in Blue.
6/10/2020 10:11	Marian Decker	I do not support defunding the police department. We are generally well served by SLPD. If improved training is available, great! Do not make a hard job even harder by shifting needed resources away from the department.
6/10/2020 10:32	Anonymous Constituent	I just wanted to voice my opinion that I am against defunding the SLCPD. I feel that this would lead to less ability for the police force to provide the necessary services of protecting citizens and preventing crime. Our police force employs many dedicated and conscientious officers, and I don't believe it is right to punish all because of the actions of a few. I also believe there are other ways to address the current difficulties, and that all sides should be heard. Thank you.

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6/10/2020 10:43	Carleton DeTar	I am a 74-year-old white male resident of Salt Lake City. I am in solidarity with the ongoing peaceful protests against the mistreatment of minorities through policing and more generally through institutionally entrenched racism. I have not been marching because of Covid-19 concerns. I have been watching nationwide protests and listening to black leaders, police chiefs, and thoughtful commentators. In Utah the problems with racism extend to the treatment of not just African-Americans, but Hispanics, Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans. For the moment we are focusing on police. We need a new community-focused model of public safety so that police are viewed by all communities as allies and not oppressors. See, for example, how this works in Camden, New Jersey. 1. Locate police in communities so they get to know residents and earn their trust. 2. Demilitarize police -- no more military-grade weapons. 3. Abolish no-knock tactics. 4. Make it a policy: no shooting of fleeing suspects unless they pose an immediate threat to the lives of others. 5. Step up de-escalation training. 6. Abolish training sessions that instill a "predator culture" in police. 7. Strengthen civilian review and make reviews of misconduct transparent. 8. Police are not trained to do social work, and we shouldn't be expecting them to serve that role. In too many situations the homeless and poor need community help, not law enforcement. Hire social workers to replace them. 9. Reward good police behavior with pay increases. Most of these reforms on this list amount to reventing public safety and require a long-term effort. But with the current budget deliberations, there is an opportunity to start making some reforms right away. Please reduce the budget for our police force and increase funding for social work and community services.
6/10/2020 11:04	Faafota Mulitalo Rasmussen	I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Faafota Mulitalo Rasmussen Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 11:05	Fantasia Beam	I am a resident of District 7. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Fantasia Beam

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6/10/2020 11:08	Edwin Ferevski	<p>I apologize for the second email but I would also like you to take a look at the Justice in Policing Act of 2020 that was just introduced. No where does it mandate defunding of Police across the U.S. The majority of the act requires strict protocols in utilizing body and dash cameras, it calls for further training, bans certain uses of force, most of which the Salt Lake City Police Department has already implemented. However, if there is further training that is required this cannot be provided without the budget. The Act also calls for more accountability, control, monitoring, and reporting of the Police Department. From: Ferevski, Edwin Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:33 AM To: Rogers, James ; Johnston, Andrew ; Wharton, Chris ; Valdemoros, Ana ; Mano, Darin ; Dugan, Dan ; Fowler, Amy ; Mendenhall, Erin Subject: Police Budget City Council Members, It is an honor to address you all. I am writing this email in response to your proposed budget cut of the Salt Lake City Police Department. I don't want to take up too much of your time but I want to bring some points into perspective. First, I do not care what you decide on if it would solely affect ME. I will continue to serve our great city, a city that I was raised in, no matter how unequipped, underfunded, or unsupported I am ? that is what I promised to do. However, I cannot speak for the rest of my brothers and sisters who are all a part of this Department with me. I cannot speak for the Officers, the Office Technicians, the Crime Scene Technicians, Evidence Technicians, the Case Workers, Mental Health Therapists, Social Workers, Information Specialists, Accountants, Records Technicians, and so many more. What I want you to notice is that just one of those positions mentioned is a sworn position; the remainder are Civilians who you would be taking from. Not only that, but those Civilian employees provide a vital role to our Police Department with due regard to Homeless Outreach, Mental Health, Crime Statistics, Training, Organization, I could go on. What is the most troubling to me is that I bell'ved wholeheartedly that these recent events would show how underfunded our Police Department already is. Our agency had to call outside Police Departments for assistance on Saturday May 30th. We could not have accomplished what we did that day without them and they have been with us every day ever since the initial protest. Our Public Order Unit, which I am not a part of, has been asking the Department and City for more funding for over a year now. I stood next to those men and women, half of whom were underequipped; who did not have a full kit, a shield, or a face helmet while others did. About a month ago my patrol car?s engine seized. When I had taken it into our City fleet/shops, I was given a loaner and told that it would be a while until I received another assigned car because we were running out and the shops did not have ANY at the time. These are just my personal experiences that I have faced with underfunding. However, I'm sure that many of my colleagues could give you more examples of their own. I understand the position that you?re all in. I understand that you need to maintain an unbiased role and that you need to listen to our citizens. However, from my understanding it is the opinion of hundreds of people that has come to your attention. 1 of 2 *Continued Below*</p>

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6/10/2020 11:08	Edwin Ferevski	<p>2 of 2 *Continued Above* Remember that there were thousands of people at these protests and that I as an Officer, after Saturday, heard more ?thank you?s and ?stay safe?s than I did negative remarks from protestors leaving. Remember that there are hundreds of thousands of citizens in our great city whom I bell've you would be doing a disservice to by listening to a couple of hundred and cutting our budget. If anything, I bell've there should be a call to vote, not by you, but by our citizens. Let the people make this decision. If democracy is not an option then please keep in mind all of these things when you?re making a decision for all of the hundreds of thousands of citizens. Please keep all of these things in mind when you?re making this decision for the millions of people that our great city is greeted with on a daily basis. Keep all of these things in mind when you THINK that you are making a decision FOR THE PEOPLE. Otherwise, let them decide for themselves. Thank you for your time and understanding. ?We are not all in the same boat but we are all in the same storm?. Respectfully, Officer Edwin Ferevski #U48. Edwin Ferevski Police Officer Salt Lake City Police Department 475 S 300 E Salt Lake City, UT 84111   edwin.ferevski@slcgov.com &lt;mailto:edwin.ferevski@slcgov.com&gt; &lt;http://www.slcpcd.com/&gt; &lt;http://www.youtube.com/slcpcd&gt; &lt;http://www.twitter.com/slcpcd&gt; &lt;http://www.facebook.com/slcpcd&gt; *NOTICE: This email and any files transmitted with it are confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual(s) to whom it is addressed. If you are not the intended recipient(s), you should delete this message and are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, or distribution of this message is strictly prohibited. www.SLCGOV.com &lt;https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.SLCGOV.com&amp;d=DwMFAG&amp;c=9I0086Mc38PYrSJ88MDebw&amp;r=3C26irue68QQ2C_ApWeE5p8QpyfwGxhuWIZDs691NNU&amp;m=VrRWBJoWEO7BmsBemYyM3T1O0VBNBcdQeYMXQRWEucY&amp;s=TrQDpMamvanzdl22q_NE_3w6wTjeHkHk27J0tqcjVDU&amp;e=&gt;</p>
6/10/2020 11:18	Sterling Jardine	The Salt Lake City Police Department handled the latest protests in down town Salt Lake very professionally! Please do not cut there budget!!
6/10/2020 11:18	Francesca Durham	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Francesca Durham</p>

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6/10/2020 11:20	Frances Frankl'morris	Hello City Council and Mayor Mendenhall, My name is Frances Morris and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. I am writing to you today to demand a change in the proposed city budget. I am demanding that the budget proposed to the police be cut and instead given to housing and education to name a few. I demand the demilitarization of the police, including the removal of pepper spray and rubber bullets as a form of crowd control. I demand a hiring freeze on the police department. I demand that your team works to represent the voices of the people that you represent. Thank you, Frances Morris
6/10/2020 11:22	Gabbi Lemanski	Hello, my name is Gabbi Lemanski. I live in the third district in Salt Lake City. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 budget. I demand that drastic cuts are made to the SLCPD budget before the final vote. I demand a hiring freeze to be put in place for SLCPD. I demand a cut of 30 million dollars from the SLCPD to be redistributed to community services such as, housing, transportation and our poorly funded public defenders. I have been pretty disappointed in my government, but I am still hopeful. You as the city council, have a wonderful opportunity to I'veest in our community, to bring us together during a dark time, and to use your power to hold people responsible. I also demand justice for Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal who was murdered last week by SLCPD. The body cam footage was horrendous, and I demand the officers involved be fired and prosecuted. Please use this difficult time to rebuild our community that needs it. We can empower and better pay teachers, help renters during the time of pandemic, provide medical insurance for low income families, provide mental health services (which in my personal experience is needed the most right now), and/or feed millions of poor food residents each day. The police have divided our community. You can help to bridge the gap. Do the work, make our community proud. PS: I've included some reading material for you. There are two excellent reports that support community engagement over funding a militarized police state. The first of which is an article on the Beveridge report from 1942. He found that there were five evils, and ways to combat those evils. This report is responsible for the rebuilding of the UK after WWII. Basically, a lot of social I'vestment into people, so that they are supported if they fail. <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/oct/10/beveridge-five-evils-welfare-state">https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/oct/10/beveridge-five-evils-welfare-state</a> The second article is the Kerner Report. This directly ties into police brutality against Black and Brown people. The first ten pages I highly recommend you read. This report is from 1967, and it's sad to see we haven't come any farther. <a href="http://www.eisenhowerfoundation.org/docs/kerner.pdf">http://www.eisenhowerfoundation.org/docs/kerner.pdf</a> Skip the first one if you must, but don't skip the second. -Gabbi Lemanski
6/10/2020 11:23	Benjamin Gabe Weeks	Hello, My name is Benjamin Weeks and I am a constituent of yours. I would like to address the 2020-2021 Fiscal Budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 Million. What can be done with \$30 Million? 1. Hire 235 new school teachers and give all teachers a 20% raise 2. Provide rent relief for, not much, just 2,000 years! 3. Provide medical insurance for over 5,000 individuals 4. Feed residents over 2.3 million meals I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because police brutality can no longer be ignored and reform has been proven time and time again that it is not working. Thank you for your time. -- Benjamin Weeks



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6/10/2020 11:42	Ira Hinckley	Hello, Due to the added stress and strain recently experienced by our Peace Officers, I am proposing that we allocate a 30% increase to the Police budget. Now more than ever it is important to hire and retain good Peace Officers. I am certain that due to the hate, vicious attacks and little support they are receiving we will be losing some of our fine men and women, so it is imperative that we increase the budget to counteract this. sincerely, Ira Hinckley resident
6/10/2020 11:34	Gabriela Torres	Hello, My name is Gabriela Torres and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I feel that the funds would be more of use in different areas of our city than police officers and the SLCPD. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education by giving public school teachers a raise and building and improving public school buildings. Sincerely, Gabriela Torres
6/10/2020 11:37	rachel pearson	i am in favor of cutting funding to the police and reallocating that money to actually benefit POC communities.
6/10/2020 11:47	Abbie Howe	Hello, My name is Abbie Howe and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we need to make a drastic change to see benefits from this. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in affordable housing, health care for all, and better education. Sincerely, Abbie Howe Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 11:44	Aaron Beasley	Dear Council Members and Mayor, History is watching. I am a resident of District 3. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community well-being and redirects funding away from the SLCPD. History is watching. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering black and brown people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. History is watching. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. History is watching. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. History is watching. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. I am asking you to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. History is watching. History is watching. Thank you for your time, Aaron Beasley

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6/10/2020 11:45	Aaro Ershler	Hello, My name is Aaron Ershler, and I am a worker and a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing you today in regards to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. As your constituent, I respectfully request that before Tuesday's vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million and re-allocates funding to services that support community building and resilience. I also implore Mayor Mendenhall to maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This initiative is about human dignity and justice. I am disquieted by regular police shootings within Salt Lake City and genuinely alarmed by the increasing militarization of our local police force. The continued loss of life due to the use of excessive and deadly force by police is profoundly disheartening. We need to do better. Re-allocating these funds would be a practical first step in reaffirming Salt Lake city's mission to ensure the dignity and justice of all its citizens, including People of Color, LGBTQIA, and other vulnerable communities deeply affected by the rise of police brutality. I hope that the \$30 million in newly re-allocated funds will be used to bolster public services, such as education, food assistance, housing support, and mental health access to continuing fighting systemic inequality and injustice on a local level. Thank you for your time. Best Regards, Aaron Ershler
6/10/2020 11:47	Aaron Woods	Hi- My name is Aaron Woods. I am a Utah native, and have lived and paid taxes for the past 11 years as a resident and worker in Salt Lake City. I am writing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at LEAST \$30 million and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that Mayor Mendenhall maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I value this city and love this city. The acts of violence against our own citizens by the hands of police, the racist rants I have heard and witnessed myself from SLPD officers as I walked down the street this week, prove to me that we are on the wrong path for a peaceful, respectful, egalitarian city. We need swift correction to the current policing system. It is broken. We should not have to petition our city officials for releasing body cam footage for when officers murder unarmed human beings. They should be held accountable. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. This cannot and will not stand. Leash the badged attack dogs. Stop the terror!m of our own citizens. Policereform NOW! We could use \$30 million so much more effectively. We all saw the headlines a few years ago where it'said Salt Lake City has effectively ended chronic homelessness?. but anyone that lives in this city knows that is a lie. You could use that for rent relief for so many of our hurting citizens during this world pandemic, real housing for homeless, you could give every teacher a 20% raise. You could do so much more good for the people of our city. Thank you so much for your time Aaron Woods
6/10/2020 11:46	Gene Fitzgerald	I realize that this is going to the entire council but I am aiming in particular at Christ Wharton as well as the rest of you. Given the latest demonstrations, and a new thrust to defund the police (and I think the rhetoric here is wrong because it sounds like completely destroying the police force when it does not, it more a reallocation of funds to areas that police deal with that they should not (mental health etc)). What percentage of our city budget goes to funding the police? And should you be looking at different ways of cutting that budget in order to fund those areas that police should not deal with? I would like to hear the discussion on these issues. Gene Gene Fitzgerald Emerit's Professor of Russian U. of Utah

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6/10/2020 11:49	Georgia Alley	Hello, My name is Georgia Alley and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've this money could be used to do much more helpful things for our community, including securing and maintaining public housing for citizens in need, going toward public arts, and helping diversify SLC. I hope you I'vest \$30 million in the aforementioned initiatives, not in police funding. Sincerely, Georgia Alley
6/10/2020 11:56	Ghanashyam Bibek Neupane	Hello, My name is Bibek and I am a tax-paying resident and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am a human being and the status quo is fucking brutal to black people in America. I am brown and frankly terrified of police even to call for help and I should not feel this way in a civilized society of 2020. My imagination cannot even fathom the violence towards and dehumanization of our black brothers and sisters in America. SLC has seen its fair share of it? in fact the proportion at which our black neighbors are killed to their population is HIGHEST in Utah of all states. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education and community led support services. We need your courage! We need you to match our passion in streets with drastic/systemic rethinking of protecting community through policies. Sincerely, Bibek
6/10/2020 11:48	Abby Fish	I am a resident of Millcreek. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well-documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although the City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Abigail Fish

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6/10/2020 11:53	Adam Montgomery	Hello, My name is Adam Montgomery and I am a student at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the police force in the United States is an institution founded upon racist roots. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into housing and healthcare for the homeless population in our city. Sincerely, Adam Montgomery
6/10/2020 11:49	George Chapman	I trust you to ensure that Salt Lake City will continue to provide respectful and fair policing. I give credit to the Mayor and the Council for providing some humanity that is so desperately needed. Apologizing for the suffering of the family of a man recently shot by SLC Police is right and just. Being disturbed by the shooting video is appropriate after your many efforts to decrease Police use of force. Thank you for quickly releasing the video. Amy, I know that you have spent much or your life and career, in and out of office, trying to ensure a free and fair and safe City for all. I respect your concern about the shooting but I urge you to wait until the DA finishes his usually effective I'vestigation before adding to the flames. I trust that you will push for better policing in our City. I would suggest that the torture and murder of George Floyd is separate from the recent police shooting. The two situations should not be combined and used to protest the racI'm and other discrimination in this Country. it'should seem obvious that a man with a visible gun who refuses to drop it despite many warnings (and even when surrounded by our Police, he still seems to trip and then pick it up) is going to get shot. You should not ever think that a taser or pepper spray or baton would be a reasonable use of force to stop someone with a gun. Even the recent case of a Police shooting a man in the back (he had a knife), although more questionable, was found to be justified by one of the most respected judges of police action, Sim Gill. When the I'vestigation is finished, I will trust Sim Gill to decide on the appropriateness of the shooting. I know you want better Police accountability and less use of force. I suggest several things that would help. A recent Las Vegas study found that "foot pursuits often ended in excessive use of force". I do not think that this applies in this case but it would be helpful to have a policy that an officer chasing a suspect should not be the arresting officer who secures the suspect. The Police Department uses two person teams that sometimes helps this but maybe the policy should be emphasized. All arrests and raids have to require everybody involved to have their body cams activated and recording(which is policy now) but it'should be emphasized. Require all POST certified officers to be required to testify in any and all Investigations of shootings or use of force by law enforcement, whether they are the witness or the person delivering the force. 1 of 2 *Continued Below*

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6/10/2020 11:49	George Chapman	2 of 2 *Continued Above* I disagree with FOP and Rawlings recommendations that officers not testify during Investigations of police shootings. Require a new State file that the Utah Department of Public Safety hosts that contains complaints, Investigations, and results on law enforcement personnel in the State (that may expand to nationwide). Increase available and interested recruits by Salt Lake City developing a child care facility (Bennion still needs more students and hosting a child care facility would increase sibling registrations at the School). No more use of rubber bullets or tear gas or pepper balls without court approval unless it is an emergency. I recognize that many of these suggestions will require the State, and specifically Senator Thatcher, to consider sponsoring bills to implement them, but you can ask and push for them. I know that there is rac'l'm in this Country and it would be a great hope and miracle if it were wiped out. But, even when a City like ours tries to be fair and respectful in the policing of everyone, it's still has some rac'l'm. I am not pushing to stop this (since it seems unrealistic) but, when dispatch or the police ask, encourage or demand the race of a suspect, it seems that it may inadvertently encourage rac'l'm. I also must add that I do not think that any of you, including the Mayor, needs to read the Constitution. I keep having to remind people that, over the many years that I have watched you, you have actually pushed the Bill of Rights, in some cases more than ACLU. George Chapman Salt Lake City no reply necessary (And I hope that I don't get upset again and feel that I have to verbally comment.)
6/10/2020 11:49	Abby Laukka	My name is Abigail Laukka and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in bleeder en espérant to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, that the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least 30 million, and relocate the money to community building services. I also demand the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our system is corrupt. ?African American are incarcerated at more than 5 times the rate of whit's? the NAACP states. I hope instead you I'vest \$30 million into food the low income school districts, shelter for the homeless , drug and alcohol abuse rehabilitation centers. Thank you for your time.
6/10/2020 11:51	Abe Turner	Hello, My name is Abe Turner and I am an employee in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in our community, housing and education. Sincerely, Abe Turner
6/10/2020 11:52	Abigail Murphy	Hello, My name is Abigail Murphy and I am a Resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Abigail Murphy Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 11:53	Acecia Jones	Hi Mayor Mendenhall, My name is Acecia Jones and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by AT LEAST 30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I don't see how awarding additional funds to a corrupt and ineffective organization is going to improve the situation. We need to see overwhelming change in SLCPD before they are given additional funding. I was summoned to jury duty last year and asked if I could remain impartial when hearing the testimony of the defendant vs the testimony of the police. After all I've witnessed and experienced as an Asian Black person in Utah, I realized I could not. I could not complete my civic duty because of a great distrust in our police force. This is incredibly sad to me. Sincerely, Acecia Jones
6/10/2020 11:54	Addison Caldwell	Hello, My name is Addison Caldwell and I am a pharmacy worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I'm sick of SLCPD as well as most other police departments being given too much money that 1. could be used for education, healthcare, transportation, etc. instead and 2. is being used to supply racist murderers with weapons they shouldn't have access to. As well as other unnecessary things. I hope instead, you've invested \$30 million in the things I previously mentioned. To sum it up, \$30 million should be used to support the wellbeing of the citizens. No matter the race, gender, religion, sexuality, social class, etc. Sincerely, Addison Caldwell Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 11:54	Georgia Metcalf	I am a resident of SLC! I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Georgia Metcalf Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 11:54	Adele Davis	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Adele Davis
6/10/2020 11:55	Robert Argenbright	I agree with those who argue we need to focus more on crime prevention by increasing funding of certain social services, working to create more affordable housing, raising the minimum wage, and other measures. But the positive effects from this effort will not be felt overnight. Therefore, I do not want the police budget to be cut this year. Some should be dedicated, however, to intensive re-training to try to change the mentality I discuss below. A planned reduction over a number of years--contingent on some success in dealing with addiction, homelessness, and other conditions that foster crime--would be sound policy. Also, it is clear to me, as a resident here for 11 years, that police culture needs to change. Racism certainly is part of it, but also there is a dangerous "Wild West" mentality of being very "quick on the draw." There is no excuse for firing off 20 shots in an urban area at a suspected thief who is running away. Let him go for now--catch him later. If somebody is killed, the thief or a bystander, there is no later for them. There is no excuse for using lethal force or otherwise risking People's lives (e.g., high-speed chases in urban areas) except for times when it is the only way to prevent loss of life (including police officers' lives, of course). It is wrong to disobey police officers who are doing their jobs, but it is not a capital crime. Policing is about law enforcement, not passing death sentences and executing people on the street.



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6/10/2020 11:58	Gibson Bracken	: I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Gibson Bracken
6/10/2020 12:10	Grace Mason	Hello, My name is Grace Mason and I am a rising senior at the University of Utah and a constituent of the Salt Lake City Council. I am emailing you about the proposed 2020-21 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. As a public health student, I am acutely aware of the myriad of ways the lives of Salt Lake City residents could be improved through a \$30 million I'vestment. Providing medical insurance and preventative care should be a priority item, ensuring everyone has access to health care during this crisis. I hope instead you I'vest \$30 million in social services including family planning care, medical insurance, school teachers, accessible therapy, housing those in need, and many other areas that Salt Lake needs to truly become a compassionate community. We do not need more policing to use violence as a "bandaid" for systemic problems. Community is a verb, and the action that is required now is an I'vestment in the social services that restore, heal, and care for each of us. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Grace Mason
6/10/2020 11:59	Anonymous Constituent	Under no circumstance should we defund our local law enforcement. They truly are the thin blue line between civilization and utter anarchy. We have seen this in hundreds of examples in the past two weeks throughout our nation. If the police are defunded, we will move to another, more sensible city that protects its citizens and respects its police force. When the mayor releases her police protectors from outside her residence, then we can'talk about dedunding the Salt Lake City Police.

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6/10/2020 11:59	Gillian Finkelstein	Hello, My name is Gillian Finkelstein and I am a Salt Lake City local and resident. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services, education, mental health services, and rehabilitation services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers. Black people are more disproportionately killed by police officers in our state over any other state in this nation. That is totally and completely unacceptable. You and your team can change our community for the better and elevate the lives of those that have suffered for far too long. Sincerely, Gillian Finkelstein
6/10/2020 12:02	Gina Fabbro	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Gina Fabbro
6/10/2020 12:04	Giselle Bodeen	Hello, My name is Giselle Bodeen and I am a resident and student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've the money would be better spent and benefit the community if spent on community buildings and I'vest in projects the people can actually see and benefit from. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in things the people of Salt Lake City will be able to see the difference. I bell've the money should be put into things such as schools and community building services. Sincerely, Giselle Bodeen
6/10/2020 12:06	Pepper Martin	Hello, My name is Pepper Martin and I am a resident Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because police brutality has gone on far too long, and by reallocating the funds to other areas of our community we can make a huge change. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into helping the homeless in our community, as well as improvements to our communities schools and healthcare. Sincerely, Pepper Martin

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6/10/2020 12:05	Grace Lundquist	Hello, My name is Grace Lundquist and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am a mental health professional and see the impact that a militarized police force has on Salt Lake's citizens. Additionally, I see the need for expanded services in other areas to keep our citizens safe, healthy, And thriving. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in expanded services such as mental health services, affordable housing, expanded healthcare, improved foster care system, and food assistance. Sincerely, Grace Lundquist Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 12:18	Nellie Kelly	Ms Valdemoros, Please represent your district by voting to reduce the police budget for next year. Those funds are better used to help educational and cultural institutions, help for the homeless population and road repair. If the police budget does increase, please push that the funds be used for de-escalation training, implicit bias training and hiring minority officers. As well as a system that ensures the budget is used correctly. Thank you for your work. Sincerely, Nellie Kelly
6/10/2020 12:08	Godo David Delgado IV	Hello, My name is Godo David Delgado IV and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Godo David Delgado IV
6/10/2020 12:11	Grace Mayernik	Hello, My name is grace Mayernik and I am a resident and business owner in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we need to see clear change made. I'd like the \$30 million to be I've invested in the future of Salt Lake City and my children. Sincerely, Grace Mayernik Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 12:17	Tim Richards	Hello city council : I am writing in concerns to the idea of ?defunding the police department ? I am not in support of this idea, the current police department is stretched to its limits currently, and is also understaffed. They are unable to keep up with the demands of the city. Homelessness- issues on north temple - those 2 issues alone is enough to add more funding to keep the public safe. I don't think funding ?social Services? or some other program is the answer. I would like to see an increase in the police department funding here in Salt Lake City. This will also help to keep high quality police officers- Tim Richards Salt Lake City resident

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6/10/2020 12:31	Adrienne Krueger	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people, and most recently their horrific murder of Bernando Palacios. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Adrienne Krueger
6/10/2020 12:14	David Y Johnson	Dear Ms. Tuuao, We want to keep you in the loop regarding this message that we sent to Councilperson Valdemoros. I forgot to tell her that unfortunately we make just a bit too much to qualify for Circuit Breaker tax relief but not quite enough to make paying our newly raised taxes easy. We would greatly appreciate your keeping our situation in mind. Thank you and stay safe! Sincerely, David Y. and Donna K. W. Johnson Dear Councilperson Valdemoros, My husband and I have lived in your district since 1991 and love the neighborhood and the city. We are retired now and live on a fixed income, and in the past year we saw our property taxes double--and this on top of the fact that our house was completely destroyed by fire in 2017 and we have been completing the agonizing (and expensive) process of rebuilding. Add the pandemic on top of all of the rest of what's happened to us and you could say that our resources are limited at best. I saw the article on ksl.com this morning about a possible one-time property-tax levy to pay for body cams for all SLC police officers. We respect and support our police and believe that body cams are almost a necessity in today's social climate--but please, please try to find a way to pay for them that doesn't involve increasing our taxes! We can make our prepayments as long as we don't spend too much on groceries or medicine, but if you folks slap us with another increase that may not continue to be the case. We would like to enjoy our newly rebuilt home without worrying about whether we will be able to stay in it for another year. I don't know where we would be able to go if we were forced to sell because we can't pay the property taxes. We are not as familiar with the funds that are available to the city as perhaps we should be, but we hope that there may be an alternate way to find funds for this very important piece of equipment for our hard-working and dedicated police force without forcing out people who support what you're trying to accomplish. Please remember us and others like us when you deliberate. Thank you and stay safe! Sincerely, David Y. and Donna K. W. Johnson ----- End forwarded message -----

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6/10/2020 12:14	Grace Powell	Hello, My name is Grace Powell and I am a Resident Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is very important to me because I strongly believe with these funds could benefit a lot more in other places and don't understand why the SLCPD needs this much in their budget seems absurd. Thank you for your time Sincerely, Grace Powell
6/10/2020 12:15	Dwight Barrett	I am opposed to de-funding the police, The police are a necessary part of society. The police keep law and order. The police keep the bad guys away from my door. The police protect all of us from the bad people in society. The police need all of the thanks from all of the citizens on a daily bases I see the city of LA just cut \$150 million dollars from the police budget. LA was a city of violence and now violence will explode. I predict all crime will increase. I predict the citizens who can move out of LA will do so. No people can function with that much violence. There must be law order for society to function When there is no law and order anarchy will take over society and everyone will fend for themselves. What ever you people do keep our police force fully staffed and properly paid. The police are doing a fine job trying to handle riot with all of the restraints placed on them. What ever you do keep our police in tact and fully funded and if anything pay them more money and treat them better. Dwight J Barrett
6/10/2020 12:23	PHIL H	Channeling money to other programs will not stop criminals.. Lets not kid ourselves Phil
6/10/2020 12:16	Grace Sarvela	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Grace Sarvela

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6/10/2020 12:18	Gracie James	Hello, My name is Gracie James and I am a resident and student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million into the community through new programs that begin to take over some of the responsibilities police currently hold, in order to better serve us with more specialized responses to different kinds of emergency situations, and better support our BIPOC residents. The mayor's office must become educated on the intricacies of defunding police, and listen to the people it was built to serve. Sincerely, Gracie James
6/10/2020 12:19	Grant Larimer	As a resident of Salt Lake City for most of my life, I wanted to weigh in on any discussion regarding the "Defund the Police" movement. I fully support this objective, and think it would be wise to reallocate funding and responsibility for matters such as mental health, homelessness, drug addiction, etc., to agencies that are better suited to address these social problems. I agree with the perspective that we need to reshape and refocus what policing means. There are many other things we could do as well, such as stringent oversight and holding people accountable for their actions, which every other government service already has, but reenvisioning our approach to policing society would be a good first step. Law enforcement and our justice system are put in a singularly unique position of being able to take away our freedom, and even our lives, based on individual judgments that power should be limited in use at every level and should be tempered by the highest degree of oversight. If not, then why did the founders even bother fighting for independence? Thank you Grant Larimer
6/10/2020 12:19	Ricardo Emeterio	City Council and Mayor of SLC, I would like to express my concern as a citizen in regards to police funding. After witnessing the way the recent peaceful protests were handled, I am extremely saddened by the ridiculous amount of tax payer money that was wasted just to censor our constitutional right to peacefully assemble. I believe a much better use of tax dollars would be to improve the infrastructure of the city. I would feel safer living in a city that takes care of their homeless and low income people, than in a city that hires bullies to occupy the city and rule it authoritatively and with zero accountability. I don't see the point in having the constitutional right to peacefully assemble when a curfew can be put in place with the only attempt to censor that same constitutional right. I am sad that I was not able to partake in the protests, but I am even more sad and disappointed that the way that the situation was handled makes me fear to ever do so in the future. People should not fear their government, and no one should feel afraid to assemble out of fear of being brutally abused by the police. I believe the protesters were protesting for a just cause, and I hope the city takes responsibility for their actions. Like many other residents of SLC, I will vote against any public servant that refuses to acknowledge that the situation was handled poorly and that police brutality must end. Allocate resources to improve Salt Lake City; do not allocate resources to oppress it. Thanks, Ricky San E

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6/10/2020 12:20	Scout Cohen-Pope	Good evening, I am emailing to address the proposed 2020-2021 budget. I am a resident of this city who watched the footage of Bernardo Palacio-Carbajal murder by the hands of police who are on paid administrative leave. I am a citizen of this nation who has watched police play judge jury and executioner with BIPOC in every state. We know reform doesn't change the attitudes or action of the police. The only thing that will bring justice for Bernardo and his family, and make our city and our nation safer is abolition of the police. I am calling you to start by defunding and disarming the police in salt lake city and reallocating that money in our community. This money should go to rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line, free public transportation, trained mental health professionals, after school programs, meals for students... the list goes as far as our collective imagination can'take it. We can imagine a world without the police. To refuse this vision of a better world, or to approach it with pessimism and fear is to uphold white supremacy. So again, I demand you make drastic cuts to the SLCPD before the final budget vote. Additionally, I am demanding the officers involved in the murder of Bernardo Palacio-Carbajal be fired and prosecuted. I am also demanding the resignation of Mike Brown for allowing the execution of Bernardo and not immediately taking action against the officers involved. Thank you for your time, Scout Cohen-Pope
6/10/2020 12:20	Griffin Higginson	Hello, My name is Griffin Higginson and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in something more useful to the community. sincerely, Griffin Higginson.
6/10/2020 12:21	Rusti Stalliviere	Hello My name is Rusti Stalliviere and I am a Social Work student at the University of Utah. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe that our city could reduce crime if the \$30 millions was invested into the education system, healthcare, housing, clean air/water, and access to food. Thank you so much for your time- Rusti Jo Stalliviere
6/10/2020 12:33	Randi Scheidler	Hello, My name is Randi Scheidler and I am a resident of the Fairpark community and a student nurse. I am writing you to weigh in on the proposed 2020-2021 proposed budget. I demand that before the final vote the city makes drastic cuts to SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate that money into community services and COVID-19 relief. I also demand that Mayor Mendenhall maintain a hiring freeze for new police officers throughout the fiscal year. We do not need more police officers, we need better police officers. In light of recent events the illusion of safety provided by our police force has evaporated. While I respect most of the individuals who choose to become police officers, I have lost respect and confidence in the institution itself. We don't need more police officers, we need more community resources that work to dismantle the systemic racism of our society. We need to focus on lasting solutions for the problems that lead people to crime, addiction, homelessness, and violence. I firmly believe that defunding the police and slowly reinvesting those resources and energies into community-building projects is the only compassionate way we can move forward as a city. Thank you so much for your time. Hopeful, Randi Scheidler



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6/10/2020 12:30	Adriana Haws	Hi Erin, My name is Adriana Haws and I am a constituent of yours, I reside in Glendale. We met during the elections and you shook my hand and told me one day I should run for office (I'm sure you tell everyone that but...) you look into my eyes with sincerity that I bell'ved was true. However, your actions have proven to be nothing short of disappointing. So here is your chance to say what you mean and mean what you say: be the voice of your constituents like myself, who got you into office in the first place! I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that you, our mayor, maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because as a Black woman living in this city, I know that the police insight more fear and violence than safety and comfort. Because more money should be put into education, healthcare, housing, clean air and water & access to food for everyone. I know these things are important to you, because you preached about it during elections. Do the right thing. Thank you for your time. Adriana Haws
6/10/2020 12:34	Aimee Tatton	Hello, My name is Aimee Tatton and I am a resident and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because my students and the people of Salt Lake City deserve more. All residents of SLC should have greater access to health & human services and mental health resources. Nobody should have to live in fear of those who have taken an oath to protect and serve. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in Education, Mental Health support, and other Health & Human Services. Sincerely, Aimee Tatton
6/10/2020 12:23	Sun Kim	Hello all, I am a resident of District 6. I am writing to demand that the Salt Lake City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people and others, including most recently Bernardo Palacios. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous and other people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to defund the police. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund people, not cops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Sun Kim

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6/10/2020 12:24	PHIL H	Do not defund, Yes some rules can be changed in handling stupid criminals, BUT don't CAVE IN TO THIS SMALL GROUP. I'll have to buy more guns and ammo to feel secure in my home and while im out feeling I'may have to take matters in my own hands.. Back to the wild west.. don't do it!!!!!!!!!!!!!! don't make this mistake!!!!!! Phil Hansen SLC
6/10/2020 12:25	Loveland	I am a resident of district 2 . I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Sophia Loveland

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6/10/2020 12:26	Steven Swenson	<p>Dear Councilwoman Fowler, My name is Steven Swenson and I am one of your constituents living in Sugarhouse. I am also a full-time police officer/paramedic who works in Davis County. I am writing this email in regards to recent events regarding law enforcement at a local and national level and a nationwide call for reform. First off I want to thank you for your public comments expressing concern about these recent events. It shows you care about providing care of our city and the interest you have in helping the disadvantaged. I want to specifically comment on a growing movement to defund the police department. In my experience as a law enforcement officer and paramedic, and in my experience living in Salt Lake for the last three years, taking large swaths of money away from the Salt Lake City Police Department could prove disastrous. To express my position precisely I believe the correct answer here is a fine balance between taking tens of millions of dollars away from the police and between not doing anything at all. It is very true that the police, and emergency services/public safety as a whole, are tasked with solving the rest of society's problems. Homelessness, lack of education, drug and alcohol use, poor mental and physical health, and low wages lead people (of all races, creeds, and colors) to experience a greater rate of interaction with police and EMS personnel than those who do not suffer from such problems. More time, money, energy, and attention need to be dedicated to these problems than is currently being given. However, the Salt Lake City Police Department is not the only city agency which should have funds diverted from it to address these problems. This is because the police department is not the only agency which derives most of its work from people experiencing these issues. My largest concern with the proposed \$30 million dollar cut to the police Department's budget is it will drastically cut the Department's ability to perform their core functions. If you take away even more money from them, and simultaneously impose on them a demand for more training (which your recent public comments suggested) it creates an even greater budget deficit than existed before the \$30 million dollar budget cut. Such a budget deficit will impair the Department's efforts to increase their currently-low wages, which is one of the driving factors in recruiting and retaining higher quality officers. Please, instead of taking so much away from the police department, consider taking money from multiple city agencies (including the fire department) to generate a pool of money which can be used to address the major societal problems numerous citizens of our fine city face. Should you wish to discuss these topics any further please email me or call me. Thank you for your time and attention to this email, and for your service on the city council. Sincerely, Steven Swenson</p>
6/10/2020 12:30	Adrianne Ballif	<p>Hello, My name is Adri Ballif. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million into education or other community-based programs. Sincerely, Adri Ballif Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/10/2020 12:28	PAUL ALLEN	Why in the world would you support defunding and demoralizing police officers?! Our officers all over our valley serve and protect! They do it for us and for their communities and for their families! They give their lives! You send them out and want them to babysit the violence. This can't happen! If you want to see a strong police force, stand behind them, support them and allow them the tools to do their job to protect the community. We just lost an officer in Ogden trying to protect. We are a family that loves our officers because they are our own flesh and blood. I don't want to bury my nephews, son in law! Mary Jane Allen Tax payer.....voter.....American! Sent from my iPad
6/10/2020 12:36	Hailey Shadix	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. A concerned and determined graduate of 2020, Hailey Shadix Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 12:31	Adrienne Eror	Hello, My name is Adrienne and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I feel there are so many beneficial community services that are underfunded that would help aid our community. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in mental healthcare and other resources that would help our community. Sincerely, Adrienne Eror

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6/10/2020 16:22	Zach Vayo	Hello, My name is Zach Vayo and I am a resident of Council District 5 in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because policing has made many residents unsafe in their own communities. Moreover, beyond issues of police violence and brutality, police are ill-equipped to provide much-needed social services. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million housing, education, and mental health resources. Sincerely, Zach Vayo

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6/10/2020 16:32	Craig Secrist	Greetings, My name is Craig Secrist and I am a lifelong resident of Salt Lake City. I'm writing to ask that you give serious consideration to the People's movement to defund the SLCPD. I too saw the graphs depicting where the money in the upcoming 20/21 fiscal budget will be allocated and I strongly disagree with the police getting the lion's share. I support the protest movement for racial justice and to end police brutality. Countless videos from around the country show scenes I do not know how could ever be justified. The intimidating quality of militarized police positioned against citizens while protesting is striking. The use of supposed "non-lethal" weapons, especially the indiscriminate use of tear gas, is simply appalling. I realize many of the instances I've seen were in other cities, but the ones which were from Salt Lake were similarly upsetting. The killing of Bernardo Palacios was egregious. The shoving of an elderly person using a cane was an absolute offense. The police-made claim that there was an officer in the overturned police car when it was set ablaze during a Saturday protest is refuted by copious amounts of footage showing that that was not the case, and was rather a dubious lie. The police presence on the streets during the ensuing curfew, including the ever circling helicopter, seemed only pointed to strike more fear, more intimidation. The qualified-I'munities enjoyed by police officers have seemingly been perverted into a robust shield against accountability for their most heinous moments, however frequent or rare. These, I realize, are just my perceptions and I do not have a flawless lense... but please understand that something similar to this perception is held by many already and is in a growing number. As we see more of this, the nature of the police begs more and more questioning. As for the budget, it really sticks out seeing so much money being given to something which is now appearing so questionable. I hope the SLCPD can follow the words of their new slogan and "Solve the problem" within themselves, since the old slogan of "To protect and to serve" seems left in the dust. Please redirect \$30 million dollars (as I'm sure is being suggested by many other emails on this matter) into the community thru funding for education, healthcare, public transit, clean air initiatives, economic development, solutions for mental health or substance abuse problems, or to assist with issues of homelessness. I strongly bell've that if you foster a better community and lift up what and who we have here in Salt Lake, you will not need the police as much as you may think you do. In sincerity, -Craig S.
6/10/2020 12:33	Aidan Stewart	Hello, My name is Aidan and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Aidan Stewart Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 12:33	Aiko Miller	I am a resident of Congressional District 2. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Aiko Miller
6/10/2020 12:52	Hannah Bryant Fortune	To Whom It May Concern, My name is Hannah Bryant Fortune. I have been a resident of Utah for 3 years, ranging from Davis County to Salt Lake County. I am emailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote is called for, the city must make drastic cuts to the SLPD?s budget by at least \$30 million and re-allocate that money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is very important, not only to me but my peers, my family and my community. We have had enough of the over funding and militarization of the police force. The police no longer protect and serve. They use their power for their own personal benefit while oppressing those they supposedly help. We are sick and tired of watching people being viciously murdered by those who are sworn to protect them. It is exhausting to watch as people have to stand by because they are too scared to de-escalate situations of police brutality. it'should not be shoot first instead of de-escalate out of instinct. The tactics police are being taught are a gross mishandling of justice. Police force should not be militarized and used on our civilians. I suggest instead, you l'vest that money into building more homeless shelters, especially for abused women and children. I suggest instead, you l'vest that money into a mental health program which can handle situations with better solutions than violence and/or arresting those in need of help I suggest instead, we use this one to mend those who are in need, not continue to put them in more dire situations that are impossible to get out of. Thank you for your time. I hope you consider this uprising of the people as a sign that we will not be silenced. It is time to represent the people. It is time to serve the people. Sincerely, Hannah Fortune - - Hannah Fortune



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6/10/2020 12:34	Aj Gianni	Hello, My name is AJ Gianni and I am a resident, taxpayer, and small business owner in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I feel that reallocating those funds will help boost our economy and general livelihood here in Salt Lake as residents. I think a lot of great things can happen with that reallocation of funds. Sincerely, AJ Gianni
6/10/2020 12:35	Rachel Shoemake	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Rachel Shoemake
6/10/2020 12:44	Alexandra Willl'mson	Hello, My name is Alexandra Willl'mson and I am a resident and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because history proves that the current system of policing is flawed. Nationwide and globally, we are seeing a demand to ending police brutality. Police brutality won't end until we divest in policing and I'vest in community. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in programs to ensure community trust and mental health. Even out the funding in education across all neighborhoods, instead of having the funding for schools based on property tax. I know there are organizations that have given you plenty of steps in which we can I'vest the money to show solidarity with the black and brown communities and put an end to the systemic rac'l'm that is so deeply engrained in society. This can start with you Mayor. Show us that you truly stand with us and will commit to make changes happen. We need actions behind the words you send out. We, as your constituents, are watching closely and won't forget on which side you stood today and in the future. Sincerely, Alexandra Willl'mson

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6/10/2020 12:36	Alan Morgan	Dear Salt Lake County Officials- I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Alan Morgan - Alan Morgan
6/10/2020 12:36	Stetson Sartor	Please, Do not reduce the Police Budget. Reducing the Police Budget puts Officers at risk as well as the general public. Officers have been working tirelessly during this pandemic as well as the recent events. The funding of the Police department is critical for everyday functions and the innocent public will notice those changes if the budget is reduced, this will not solve the problem. I bell've there are other options that can be utilized in order to ensure the safety of Officers, the department, and the general public. Please do not reduce the budget. Thank you, Stetson Sartor
6/10/2020 13:14	Sasha Luks-Morgan	Hi Ana, I'm sure you're getting a ton of emails lately about this but I wanted to express my support for redistributing a large portion of the police budget into social services. As a voter and a taxpayer I'd like to see my money spent on solving social problems like homelessness and drug use via non-carceral means. No need to respond, I know you're busy Sasha
6/10/2020 12:36	Sean Snow	James, I'm writing you as a concerned citizen about the recent suggestions and possible legislations to defund the Salt Lake City Police Department. If our Intent is to improve all Police Departments and they're handling of minorities, specifically African-American men, then the way to improve something is not to demonetize it. I am all for more training, more sensitivity courses, even have incentives for police departments to receive more funding if improvements are apparent. But as someone who frequently works in Salt Lake City and requires the aid of police enforcement (I work as a sports referee), it makes no sense to me if we all want something to improve but we are not willing to I'vest time, energy, and yes even money into it. Nothing in life works that way. Defunding the police department will lead to more crime and inadequate/ill prepared officers. Please consider to reject any proposals to defund or abolish any and all police departments. Best, Sean Snow Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 12:36	Alana Aylward	Hello, My name is Alana Aylward and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because as a physician I bell've the epidemic of violence by police against Black people in the United States is a public health emergency that requires l'mediate, dramatic action. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in education and resources for people experiencing homelessness. Sincerely, Alana Aylward Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 12:40	Alex Foulger	Hello, My name is Alex Foulger and I am a [RESIDENT OF, WORKER IN, STUDENT IN] Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because [INSERT WHATS IMPORTANT TO YOU OR DELETE SENTENCE]. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in [INSERT WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE I'veSTED IN OR DELETE SENTENCE]. Sincerely, Alex Foulger Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 12:38	Hailey Thomas	Hello, My name is Hailey Thomas, and I am a resident and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Hailey Thomas
6/10/2020 12:39	Halie West	Hello, My name is Halie West and I am a taxpayer in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we have seen that large police budgets are not the answer to solving and preventing crime, protecting ans serving citizens, and making SLC a better place to live. Throwing money at issues solves nothing when there are deeper reasons for crime and unrest. Together we can make Utah'stronger. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in mental health services for both officers and people of SLC, more affordable housing for those who need it, and more services for the homeless. Programs that benefit the public and raise the quality of living will, over time, lead to better quality of life. Please listen to what the public has to say. We may not have all the answers, but together we can find long term solutions that will last. Than you for your time. Sincerely, -Halie West
6/10/2020 12:41	Alex Nygaard	Hello my name is Alex and I'm a resident of SLC. Re: the 2020-2021 fiscal budget, I demand that before the final vote the city make drastic cuts to SLCPD's budget by at least 30 million dollars and reallocate money to community services other than law enforcement. Maintain a hiring freeze on new officers through the current fiscal year. Divert funds into education, healthcare, housing assistance and other services that will benefit underserved and overpoliced communities in our city. Pumping more money into law enforcement has proven ineffective. Let's l'vest in our residents at birth, through school, and into their careers and family lives and eliminate the need for more police officers. With fewer incidents requiring police presence we should be able to actually pay the good ones more, incentivizing good behavior on the force. Alex Nygaard

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6/10/2020 12:42	Alex Welton	Hello, My name is Alex Welton and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the police have caused more harm than good. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in protected bike lanes, trees, and other community development projects. Sincerely, Alex Welton Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 12:43	Alex Wheeler	I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, [YOUR NAME] [YOUR ADDRESS] [YOUR EMAIL] [YOUR PHONE NUMBER] Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 12:46	Ali Jensen	Hello Mayor Mendenhall My name is Alexandra Sara Jensen and I happily live and work full-time in Salt Lake City. I graduated 2 years ago from the U of U with an Economics BS and I sincerely bell've this iteration of the BLM movement is revolutionary in the best sense. So. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in community resources such as free access to healthcare clinics for underprivileged and marginalized people, free resources for job counseling and/or childcare services or underprivileged and marginalized people, increased funding of public schools within SLC county, and any direct-to-the-People's services and programs that have the potential to remedy the income disparities between white people and minorities. Please. All of us are out here asking peacefully for a better future. Sincerely, Alexandra S Jensen sent from my iphone

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6/10/2020 12:49	Allie Salazar	Hello, My name is Alle Salazar. I am a resident of Salt Lake City, and a licensed clinical social worker, working with vulnerable and underserved populations in a community non-profit organization. I am reaching out regarding the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPDs budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate they money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze in any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we have increased funding for policing while reducing public services, such as our capacity to serve our populations of persons without homes. I see, day to day, the extent of the suffering of my community, especially my black and brown brothers and sisters. This must stop. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million toward mental health, homeless resources, and increased community centers in our underserved areas. Warmly, Alle Salazar Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 12:46	Hannah Collett	Hello, My name is [FULL NAME] and I am a [RESIDENT OF, WORKER IN, STUDENT IN] Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because [INSERT WHATS IMPORTANT TO YOU OR DELETE SENTENCE]. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in [INSERT WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE I'veSTED IN OR DELETE SENTENCE]. Sincerely, [FULL NAME] Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 12:40	Alex Gruenenfelder	My name is Alex Gruenenfelder, and I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Alex Gruenenfelder

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6/10/2020 12:44	Alexandra Acuna	Hello, My name is Alex Acuna and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because as a woman of color who has personally experienced poverty and homelessness in this city, I consistently witness how SLCPD continues to marginalize vulnerable communities instead of protecting them. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in equitable transit, education, and housing programs that will uplift ALL of Salt Lake's residents. Sincerely, Alexandra Acuna
6/10/2020 12:40	Rebecca Campbell	Dear Salt Lake City Council members: As we watch Minneapolis burn to the ground with no police precinct, we learn that we do NOT want to be like them. They have defunded their police department for decades and the poor training resulted in the incident we have all heard about with George Floyd. SALT LAKE CITY CAN DO BETTER! We need continued funding and continued emphasis on training in Salt Lake City. As we have seen in Minneapolis and Chicago, police are a major force for defending poor people and business owners of all races from crimes. Yes we wish things were better in the world. Yes we wish the tragedy of George Floyd didn't occur. Yes We'recognize some few police officers are acting in the wrong. But in Salt Lake City we are blessed to have Constitutional minded, diligent and conscientious police. Keep Salt Lake City a wonderful city. I urge you, do not de-FUND the police. Instead we need to de-FEND the police as they defend us. Thank you, Rebecca Campell Salt Lake City, Utah
6/10/2020 12:41	Samnang Heng	Hello, My name is Samnang Heng and I am a [RESIDENT OF, WORKER IN, STUDENT IN] Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in Education]. Sincerely, Samnang Heng
6/10/2020 12:42	Riana Bruce-Goodsky	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Riana Bruce-Goodsky



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6/10/2020 12:42	ruby oland	Hello my name is Ruby Oland and I was born and raised in Salt Lake City. I am calling in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the major maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we all have a duty to uphold racial justice & oppose systematic violence. Thank you for your time Ruby Oland
6/10/2020 12:43	Haley Hyden-Soffer	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Haley Hyden-Soffer
6/10/2020 12:44	Marjorie Leaver	Dear Council'man Dugan, I've been a Salt Lake City resident for most of my life and live in your district. I am adamantly opposed to disbanding our police department OR cutting their budget. More specific and rigorous training...of course. Appropriate, swift, and legal discipline for bad cops...of course. Competent and unbiased oversight....of course. But I trust our police chief to make needed changes. Our PD has performed admirably during the protests and violence that threatened our city. Chief Brown is one of the best in the entire country. Give him the support and funding he needs to lead us through this. He knows what needs to be done. I don't have the same confidence in many of our elected local, state, or national leadership. Too many politicians thinking they're experts in all things. Thank you. Sincerely, Marjorie Leaver
6/10/2020 12:47	Skye Kearns	Hello, My name is Skye Kearns and I am a student Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Skye Kearns



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6/10/2020 12:50	Paulo Aguilera	<p>Hello, My name is Paulo Aguilera and I live and work full time in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million dollars, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. We need to move away from the narrow conception of public safety that has relied on excessive policing and punishment. I ask that we heavily reconsider the true role of police officers in Salt Lake. I find it more productive to invest in safety nets to a healthy community like stable housing, mental health services, and community organizations. Black and minority communities have had to be perpetual activists for their own cry to equality but have routinely been disenfranchised in this country for far too long. In a desert article &lt;<a href="https://www.deseret.com/utah/2020/6/2/21278180/Utah-salt-lake-city-police-brutality-protests-george-floyd-budget-curfew">https://www.deseret.com/utah/2020/6/2/21278180/Utah-salt-lake-city-police-brutality-protests-george-floyd-budget-curfew</a>&gt; Mayor Mendenhall stressed she and other city officials have ears wide open for productive conversations about addressing police brutality and systematic racism. We hear you. We want to work. We are ready to work, she said. There is not a switch that needs to get flipped here. We're here. Okay well listen to this, please work to take actions that drive results. Cut the budget and make a stand, be a precedent to the state, and the country that Salt Lake City is a city that does not tolerate systematic racism but rather acknowledges the need to strengthen our community with adequate resources addressing issues like mental health, homelessness, and economic development. It is imperative that in a time where COVID-19 and economic uncertainty loom many in our community, our local governments are more vigilant with city budgets and expenditures. I love Salt Lake City. I want to live and work here for years to come. And I voted for you because I believed in your platform to address many of the issues Salt Lake faces. In candor, I say to you, please realize the position of power you are in to take active steps in history and depart yourself from lack of action taken from your predecessors. The policing problem in this country is a political failure recognized on an international level. We have to call that out. You have to call that out. I only ask this last piece of you Mayor Mendenhall and the rest of city council please consider the impact of your next decisions during this uncertain time. Sincerely, Paulo Aguilera</p>
6/10/2020 12:45	Alexi Fitch	<p>Hello, My name is Alexi Fitch and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Alexi Fitch</p>
6/10/2020 12:45	Saige Jennings	<p>Hello, My name is Saige and I am a Salt Lake City native. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe these funds can be better spent elsewhere. I hope instead, you invest in education, community planning and support for unhoused residents. Sincerely, Saige Jennings</p>

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6/10/2020 13:05	Sara Koettel	Hello, My name is Sara Koettel and I'm a constituent of yours. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SCLPD's budget by at least 30 million and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe that we need to look at alternatives to policing all throughout America. I believe that cops shouldn't be the front lines for cases that should be cared for by certified case workers, mental health professionals, community action resources before, what has appeared to be recently, more aggressive/violent measures are taken. I believe with some funding to programs we can better assess and find solutions to problems that policing doesn't seem to be helping- drug addiction, homelessness, mental health, & family disputes. Thank you in advance for taking the time to read my request Sara Koettel 385-287-4601
6/10/2020 12:48	Alison Kolczynski	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Alison Kolczynski

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6/10/2020 12:48	Alivia Avila	Hello, My name is [FULL NAME] and I am a [RESIDENT OF, WORKER IN, STUDENT IN] Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because [INSERT WHATS IMPORTANT TO YOU OR DELETE SENTENCE]. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in [INSERT WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE I'veSTED IN OR DELETE SENTENCE]. Sincerely, [FULL NAME] Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 13:23	Allison Lamb	Hello, My name is Allison Lamb and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in affordable housing initiatives and education. Sincerely, Allison Lamb
6/10/2020 12:49	Hannah Dixon	I am a resident of Davis County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Hannah Dixon Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 13:00	Anonymous Constituent	No one who values human life can defend what happened to George Floyd. Justice should prevail. Through peaceful protest valuable dialogue can begin that leads to improvements. Defunding the SLC police department and surrounding departments is not a logical response to the tragic death of Mr. Floyd. Advancing conversations, policies, about how all of us can improve as human beings is a logical response. I'm a reading specialist. I'd love to honor Mr. Floyd by improving reading outcomes for at-risk and marginalized students. This is a constructive response. DI'mantling or defunding the police is not.

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6/10/2020 12:51	Eden Peterson	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. This means reducing the allocated funds to the police force in the next fiscal year by at least \$30 million. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Eden Peterson
6/10/2020 12:52	Steve Arnold	As a resident of the city. The police should maintain their funding and if anything have a budget increase. The police should be paid and trained and have the backing of the city. If there are concerns and grievances towards the action of an officer. it'should be l'vestigated and handled appropriately. I certainly did not feel safe with rioters and looters running the city as the mayor and council watched and thanks to inaction allowed public and private property to be destroyed. Ironically when a peaceful protest was held weeks earlier. The mayor was upset and angry at them. Citing Covid19. However no outrage over burning police car, damaged windows and other numerous criminal activity. The mayor and council had to be reminded to thank the police in their own city and other cities that came to our aid. I would also like to see city leaders to look at the people making the request that they are actual residents of the city. From arrest records most of people came from other cities. They should be advised to contact their political leaders.

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6/10/2020 13:20	Helen Lindamood	Hello, My name is Helen Lindamood. I am a SLC resident, a second year law student at the University of Utah, and an intern with the Utah'supreme Court?s Task Force for Regulationreform. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've that basic human dignity and civil rights should be guaranteed to all persons who reside in, work, and visit this city. Our police have proven they hinder this guarantee rather than further it. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in renewable energy, k-12 education, and housing access. Sincerely, Helen Lindamood she/ her /hers JD Candidate - S.J.Q. College of Law Class of 2022 MPA Candidate U of U College of Social & Behav. Science Intern - UT Supreme Court's Task Force for Regulationreform
6/10/2020 12:55	Stephen Anderson	Dear Salt Lake City Council, As a resident of Salt Lake City, I urge you to consider more creative and effective solutions for community safety. There is a dire need for social services that the police cannot provide. Please use your power to redirect resources from SLCPD and seize this historic moment. Respectfully, Stephen Anderson
6/10/2020 12:56	Hannah Pack	Hello, My name is Hannah Pack and I am a graduate student at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because Salt Lake City police department already murders a disproportionate amount of black people and should not be giving them more money to continue these practices. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in community programs, education, and mental health services. Sincerely, Hannah Pack she/her/hers

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6/10/2020 12:56	Hannah Stinson	Hello, My name is Hannah and I was a resident, student, as worker of Salt Lake City with hopes of returning for good. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services in order for me to really conwirer this city'safe. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I experience overly aggressive police who trespassed into my home with out warning supposedly looking for someone ?running? and ?hiding? throughout the neighborhood. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in health care or therapy services. Sincerely, Hannah Stinson
6/10/2020 13:21	Henry Hartzler	I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Henry Hartzler B.A. Elementary Education (K-6) ESL Added Endorsement (K-12) University of Iowa, 2017
6/10/2020 13:22	Henry Macomber	Hello, My name is Henry Macomber and I will be a student in Salt Lake City in August . I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our so called ?justice system? is crooked. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in outdoor recreation such as skate parks, play grounds, community gardens, schools, etc. Sincerely, Henry Macomber Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 12:58	Hannah Wilkinson	I am a resident of salt lake city. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, hannah wilkinson
6/10/2020 13:04	robert wickham	Hello, My name is Robert Wickham and I am a constituent of yours in the Salt Lake City area. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 Million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because systemic racism is obviously a problem within the SLCPD. People of Color are disproportionately abused and killed by the police in this city. I implore you to instead invest \$30 million into Education and Mental Health services, focused specifically on improving communities of color. Thank you so much for your time. Robert Wickham
6/10/2020 13:25	Aly Forsgren	I support the Black lives matter movement and hope that my beautiful city will do the same by listening to the desires of many people in seeing budgeting being taken from slpd and redirected into places that will help build and heal a community looking for positive change.



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6/10/2020 13:05	Abbie St. Vaughan	<p>Hi Abbie, Thanks for getting in touch. We are heartened to see the number of people using their voices to get involved and to speak out against inequality. Mayor Mendenhall proposed her budget on May 5th, and the Council will be voting on adoption June 11th. Members of the Salt Lake City Council have final say over which elements of the budget are adopted. I encourage you to join tonight's Council meeting virtually &lt;<a href="https://www.slc.gov/council/news/featured-news/virtually-attend-city-council-meetings-2/">https://www.slc.gov/council/news/featured-news/virtually-attend-city-council-meetings-2/</a>&gt; . You can also read more about the budget in general here &lt;<a href="https://www.slc.gov/mayor/2020/05/05/proposed-budget-to-move-salt-lake-city-closer-to-equity-despite-pandemic-economic-unknowns/">https://www.slc.gov/mayor/2020/05/05/proposed-budget-to-move-salt-lake-city-closer-to-equity-despite-pandemic-economic-unknowns/</a>&gt; (the budget in it's entirety is also linked on that page). Please let me know if you have any questions and thanks again for sharing you thoughts! Although the Council will be charged with approving the final budget, I will share your concerns with the Mayor and the rest of my team. Jamie Stokes Community Liaison Office of the Mayor</p> <p>From: Abbie StVaughan Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 4:24 PM To: Mayor; Stokes, Jamie; Dugan, Dan Subject: (EXTERNAL) 20/21 Budget - SLCPD Hello, My name is Abbie St.Vaughan, resident in Salt Lake City (District 6). I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic rac'l'm between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dl'missive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Abbie St.Vaughan</p>
6/10/2020 13:06	Polly Parkinson	<p>Good morning, I appreciate the efforts the City Council is making on the budget and on police department policies. Here is a link to some excellent research nationwide on these issues. Please take a look at what could be very helpful for us in Salt Lake City.</p> <p><a href="https://mobile.twitter.com/samswey/status/1180655701271732224?s=12">https://mobile.twitter.com/samswey/status/1180655701271732224?s=12</a> Thank you, Polly Parkinson</p>

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6/10/2020 13:06	Haylee Young	I am a resident of Box Elder County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Haylee Christiansen
6/10/2020 13:06	Sarah Snedaker	Hello, My name is Sarah Snedaker and I am a student at Westminster College in the Masters of Clinical Mental Health Counseling program in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've that we as a country are criminalizing victims trauma, especially racial trauma. I bell've that through access to mental health services, better public education, and affordable housing, we could help build up our community and the BIPOC community rather than dividing it through the criminal justice system. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in community mental health programs and public education. Sincerely, Sarah Snedaker
6/10/2020 14:37	Sadie Sarcona	Hello, My name is Sadie Sarcona and I live and work in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in Education and mental health resources. Sincerely, Sadie Sarcona Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 16:27	David Quinones	Hello, My name is David Quinones and I am a residential Salt Lake City, in fact I live across from the Capitol. I'm emailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least 30 million and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the Mayor, Erin Mendenhall, maintains a zero hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe the funds are better spent elsewhere, such as education, housing, transportation (how cool if Salt Lake City would double the current supply of public transportation), healthcare and addressing the growing homeless population in our city. I hope you've spent 30 million wisely looking towards a safer and brighter future for your constituents. Thank you so much for your time David Quinones Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone < <a href="https://overview.mail.yahoo.com/?src=iOS">https://overview.mail.yahoo.com/?src=iOS</a> >
6/10/2020 16:27	Trinh Mai	Hi all, I am a voting resident of Glendale in Salt Lake City and I am writing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. Data shows that safer neighborhoods and cities are those where social services and education are well-funded, rather than the police force. Pouring more funding into the police at this point is condoning police violence against BIPOC and ignoring the call of local and global communities demanding reform and an end to police brutality. Until there is institutional change, we cannot continue to invest funding in an unjust organization that endangers the safety of BIPOC people, and thus all communities. I hope that you will invest the 30 million in supporting people, organizations and small businesses that have been most impacted by the 2 pandemics (COVID 19 and racism). Thank you for what you do to support the most vulnerable in our communities, Trinh Mai
6/10/2020 13:22	Polly Parkinson	I would like to ask that all City Council members and citizens read this article. <a href="https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2020/06/03/457251670/how-much-do-we-need-the-police">https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2020/06/03/457251670/how-much-do-we-need-the-police</a> It addresses how police have gradually been asked to address school problems, homeless, drug abuse, and domestic violence issues, and it has brought an escalation of violence. Communities need to seriously discuss putting budget funds toward social work, drug treatment and domestic violence education, instead of pushing that all on the police. At a time when we are all realizing how serious some of our community concerns have become, and how it is time to rethink solutions, please take a few minutes to read this article. Our community needs to think in new ways about how we use our budget money to help the people of our community. Thank you, Polly Parkinson
6/10/2020 13:15	Olivia Jane Sayles	Hello, My name is Olivia Jane Sayles and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Olivia Sayles Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 13:14	Hediyeh Baradaran	Hi, My name is Hediyeh Baradaran and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I'm writing to request that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because as a physician, I know that POC are more likely to be injured or killed at the hands of law enforcement. This is a public health issue. I hope instead, you've invested \$30 million in much needed schools and education support. Sincerely, Hediyeh Baradaran, MD

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6/10/2020 13:15	Barbara Fredrick	I am grateful for the many wonderful men and women who serve on the police force and we should not defund them. The majority of police are good and would do anything in their power to help me and my family if the need arose. We are a country of law and order and we need the police.
6/10/2020 13:20	Ralf Carestia	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you, ralf carestia
6/10/2020 13:21	sl'moe shahnabi	Hello, My name is Sl'moe Shahnabi and I am a resident of SLC, I work at LDS hospital, and I'm a student at the University of Utah. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I disagree with the militarization of the police. My family are refugees from Afghanistan, and trust me, police brutality is very similar to the Taliban. I don't want my tax dollar being spent on killing members of communities I care about. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, healthcare, neighborhood reparations, community outreach programs, and other resources that benefit our communities. Sincerely, Sl'moe Shahnabi Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 13:16	Rachel White	Dear SLC Council, Thank you for your work to adopt Salt Lake city's budget for the coming year. I wanted to be sure you saw this study about the positive benefits of community policing. I bell've we need a police department AND other supportive social services in order to address systemic inequality. <a href="https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-05-13/lapd-community-policing-program-prevented-crime-made-residents-feel-safer-study-finds">https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-05-13/lapd-community-policing-program-prevented-crime-made-residents-feel-safer-study-finds</a> Thank you for your time to read and consider my comments. Rachel White
6/10/2020 13:17	Steveie Busch	I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year.

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6/10/2020 13:20	Becky Heiner	<p>This is what has been on my mind for a while now and it's just something I need to say. My Dad was a cop. And growing up I didn't always understand or appreciate the reality of his situation. I was always home in a safe house and warm bed while he was out helping people who weren't. He often was sacrificing his own comfort (and sleep) to help protect people, sometimes from themselves and sometimes from the choices of others. Shortly after I was married I got a horrible phone call from my Mom early one morning. My Dad had gone to the store late the night before to buy some milk. He saw a group of guys in the parking lot seriously assaulting a woman and trying to push her into their car. He was off duty, but I immediately stepped in to help the woman and scared them off. After making sure she was ok, he jumped in his car to follow them, just long enough to get a license plate number. He turned onto a street and was suddenly surrounded by cars, preventing him from getting out. He was outnumbered and the guys all jumped him, throwing a LARGE boulder rock through the window at his head and knocking him out. They dragged him out into the street, kicked him multiple times in the head, beat him, then left him for dead. Miraculously, Someone found him lying in the street unconscious. When I saw my Dad in the hospital, I barely recognized him, he was so badly beaten. Yet he still smiled at me when I walked in and jokingly said "you should see the other guy!" To this day, my Dad has long lasting complications (both mental and physical) from the concussion and brain damage he experienced. Did he choose to follow those guys that night because he hoped to kill someone? No. No way. He followed them because he saw an injustice taking place and wanted to help the woman victim. He took a beating for a stranger that night. He stepped in and saved her from who knows what horrible things might have happened to her...and he didn't even know her name. I observed him for many years and the man never did anything that wasn't for the good of someone else. He was not in law enforcement for the money (heaven knows they don't get paid nearly enough), or the recognition, or because he had some sort of agenda or bias towards people. He was in it because he believed innocent lives should not be taken advantage of by people making bad choices. He wanted to help people. And you bet that came at a cost...to him and to those who loved him. Say what you will about the police...and yes, there are bad apples in EVERY barrel, but my Dad will always represent bravery and selflessness to me. How many of us can say we would risk our lives for a stranger, no questions asked? Many of us would instinctively run the other direction in the face of danger. We can't shame those who sincerely just want to keep us safe, because they DO exist. Not every person of color is a "thug" (that is RIDICULOUS thinking) and not every cop is a racist, heartless killer. it's just not that simple. I don't have solutions or answers, and I'm not naive believing racism and bias don't exist. I know they do. Let's just all take a breath and look at this from a different angle before we go burning up the city, and overthrowing the entire police department. People are really hurting...and any knee jerk reaction is not going to be a quick fix. Change happens when hearts soften and people come together. We don't have to cut off a foot to mend a broken toe.</p>

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6/10/2020 13:18	Helen Cox	Hello, My name is Helen Cox and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the true way to combat homelessness and crime is by helping people, not incarcerating them, or even killing them. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education and social services. Sincerely, Helen Cox
6/10/2020 13:28	Holly Kepas	Hello, My name is Holly Kepas and I am employed in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I have experienced Police Officer's escalate mental health situation with my brother with schizophrenia. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in Community Mental Health. Sincerely, Holly Kepas
6/10/2020 13:23	Serena Hawatmeh	I am a resident of SLC. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Serena H.



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6/10/2020 13:54	Sarah Alicandro	Hi, My name is Sarah Alicandro and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing in regard to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers through the fiscal year. This matters to me because using funds to further inflate the Police Department doesn't make our city safer, it just gives them more ammunition against people. If safer cities are the goal, investing in community spaces are more likely to improve the wellbeing of Salt Lake. Studies have shown that green spaces lower crime rates. That's just one idea. Funds could also be redirected towards affordable housing, libraries, accessibility, and other similar programs that benefit the public as a whole. I think it's important to use taxpayer funds to help the people who are the most vulnerable, not continue to give validation to a force that does not protect and serve. Of course, it's also important to note that I don't think we should dissolve the police force. It is necessary to have people who will uphold the law, who will respond in emergencies, who will make sure that people are being safe and not harming anyone else. But there needs to be more accountability, and greater consequences for those officers who step out of line. Enough is enough. Thank you for your time. Sarah Alicandro
6/10/2020 13:54	Rachel Miller	Hello, My name is Rachel and I am a Resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because this is the first step to ending systemic racism in the country and creating equity. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in public education, job training, housing for the homeless, public mental health care and improving the community. Sincerely, Rachel Miller
6/10/2020 13:24	Allison Heffernan	I am a resident of district 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time. Allison Heffernan Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 13:28	Amanda Best	Hello, My name is Amanda Best and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I know that the money spent here would be better spent elsewhere. We need to focus on bettering our police department before expanding. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public schooling. Sincerely, Amanda Best
6/10/2020 13:28	Alyssa Vierneza	I am a resident of SLC/Midvale UT. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. It is your duty to represent us citizens. We are human beings, as such is the black community. Cops are taking even more advantage of their jobs by free killing people. They haven?t learned, they attack. it's so sickening. Take right action please. Thank you for your time, Alyssa Vierneza
6/10/2020 13:24	Sidnee Myers	Hello, My name is Sidnee Myers and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I want my generation to be the end of police brutality. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in NAACP SLC chapter to see the further progress in the Black Lives Matter movement. Sincerely, Sidnee D. Myers
6/10/2020 13:24	Ally Marringa	Hello, My name is Ally Marringa and I am a Salt Lake City resident. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education (grade schools through college), mental health resources, public transportation needs for our canyons, and tackling our homelessness problems. Sincerely, Ally Marringa

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6/10/2020 13:31	Amanda Hatton	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Amanda Hatton

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6/10/2020 13:49	Andrew Ruff	<p>Good afternoon Amy, As one of your Sugarhouse constituents, I do think the conversation about "defund(ing) the police" is an important one, and as many smarter, more informed people than me have stated, is not the same as "abolish the police". It is obvious to me that as the direct arbiters of the law in our community, the police are both tasked with too much and too little is expected of them, though that sounds counter-intuitive. The correct framing, perhaps, is to "redefine the police". Police are currently asked to do too much, and while it is true that we should expect more from them, in terms of training, in terms of education, etc., we should also be funding more emergency services that can perhaps take the burden off police, as well as other options. Funds currently earmarked for police (that generally serve only to increase their militarization and violence) could be used elsewhere: Unarmed mediation and intervention services could be an alternative to armed police (though racist police still exist in places such as the UK - but at least they can't kill people). Decriminalization of many non-violent crimes (such as marijuana, and realistically other drug offenses). Without the criminal consequences of such things, the violence typically associated with them will disappear over time, and funding rehabilitation programs is often more successful than simply jailing offenders, who will simply return to criminal life as felony drug convictions often make the individual unable to participate in society except as a criminal. Mental health care services are vastly underfunded, and merely moving the burden from police to these services is not enough. Diverting funds to these programs sounds like a great option to me. These, and many other alternatives, are what I believe citizens mean when they say "defund the police." They don't mean abolish the police. And until our criminal justice system sees these reforms or similar, until the incestuous relationships between law enforcement, incarceration, judicial, and political systems are dealt with, we will continue to see unacceptable behavior from law enforcement and increasingly agitated actions from the citizens that are harmed and that wish to change this behavior. The most basic tenet of our physical reality is Newton's first law of motion: Equal force, equal reaction. That is what we are trending towards unless we can make meaningful change to our society. Thank you for your time, and I sincerely hope you and the other SLC Councilors can come up with an acceptable and actionable way forward for all of us. The George Floyd's and Breonna Taylor's of the world are depending on it. Andrew S. Ruff</p>
6/10/2020 13:25	Hilary Anderson	<p>Hello, My name is Hilary Andersen and I am a resident of and business owner in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I've seen so many successful countries with unarmed and minimally funded police systems work excellently. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in social systems to support anti racism, homelessness, and equality. Sincerely, Hilary Anderson</p>

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6/10/2020 13:25	Alyssa Frisnegger	Hello, My name is Alyssa Frisnegger and I am a constituent of yours and a registered nurse at the University of Utah Hospital. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I strongly bell've that we do not need to allocate more money to militazie the SLCPD. This money would be better spent on education, providing services for the homeless, and creating/maintaining mental health services in this city. As a nurse on the front lines I've seen the need for these specific resources far more than a desire for a stronger police presence in the community. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Thank you for your time. -Alyssa Frisnegger
6/10/2020 13:27	Alyssa Torres	Hello, My name is Alyssa Torres and Resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million back into our community. Sincerely, Alyssa Torres
6/10/2020 13:34	Amanda Ojala	Hello, My name is Amanda and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in homelessness, education, and transportation. Sincerely, Amanda Ojala
6/10/2020 13:26	Alyssa Powers	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Alyssa Bircumshaw
6/10/2020 13:25	Holden Oullette	Hello, My name is Holden Oullette and I am an employee in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in community outreach programs. Sincerely, Holden Oullette

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6/10/2020 13:26	Alyssa Haacke	I am a resident of Salt lake county. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Sage Cortes
6/10/2020 13:33	Sydney Joy	Hello, My name is Sydney Joy and I am a former student and now citizen of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there are better ways to take care of our community. Because police forces have proven countless times, how little they actually serve the people they are supposed to. Because who do you call when the police kill? I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in our schools, our arts, our mental health services, rehoming and caring for our houseless community. We need more affordable housing in the city of Salt Lake, not a major commute away. We need a well-rounded community, not one that is over-policed and brutalized. Please take action for that community. Sincerely, Sydney Joy

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6/10/2020 13:27	Daniel Buehner	<p>Hello. My name is Daniel Buehner, I am a Caucasian American, born and raised in Utah. I love the community here and I feel like now more than ever there needs to be a change to keep this city beautiful place that it is. I would strongly like to urge you all, with the utmost kindness, respect and compassion, to reconsider the way our budget is handled, specifically in regards to the SLPD. I want to be clear. I don't hate police officers and I respect what they do. I have friends that are officers and applaud them for their efforts. But, I would, however, suggest to you that police ? as an entity, as an institution, and as a manifestation of ideas over the years, have grown into a singular notion that casts a disharmonious shadow over our community?s connection with our own humanity, and our quest for a deeper understanding and enjoyment of our co-existence. I would like to urge you, with great intensity, to l'vest more of our money in entities that would begin to build a stronger and more robust community for us all to inhabit and enjoy the fruits of. Affordable housing, improved public transportation, the arts of the community, awareness of rac'l'm and funding to public schools, I think would all be a great place to start. The money spent on policing could make an enormous difference in these stories and their outcomes. A more comfortable, compassionate and abundantly inclusive society, and begin to bandage the wounds of these turbulent decades. I realize that as a 37 year old these pains were well established before my birth. How lovely would it be, to finally make a real, honest stride towards healing? I want to encourage you all and bell've in you all to begin this process. Even if we aren?t the ones to see it through, I bell've that we can make a true attempt at a real beginning. I hope this message finds each of you well ? given the circumstances, and I would certainly welcome a response from any and all of you to help me understand where you all are with these issues, what your intentions are, and what my community and I can do to help expedite this process in a real, productive, practical, efficient manner. it'seems unfair to demand action without asking what action would be helpful on my part. Thank you for what you do, I sincerely wish you the love, kindness, and compassion in the world. Daniel Y. Buehner</p>
6/10/2020 13:27	Hollie Hinkins	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Hollie Hinkins</p>



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6/10/2020 13:35	Sara Philip	I am writing you today because i am concerned about recent events potentially leading to a cut in funds to the police dept. I feel that the police have more on their plate than they can even take care of now. If anything we should be increasing the funds to police. If we are to change the past police will need more training and help. defunding the police just doesn't make sense and will not help keep our city'safe.
6/10/2020 13:29	Steven Petersen	Dear Salt Lake City Council members, My name is Steven, and I am a constituent of yours. I live in Sugar House with my wife and our two children, and we are the owners of two small businesses in Salt Lake City. I am writing about the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I would like to request that, before the final vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget -- by at least \$30 million -- and reallocate the money to community services. Defunding the police means re-funding social services, and that's how we as a community can actually prevent crime -- not by threats of punishment. Shifting this funding to mental health services, addiction services, veteran services, services for people experiencing homelessness, school lunch programs, after-school programs, and schools themselves would do far more for our city than a bloated punitive system. We all will benefit from this reallocation of resources. Thank you for your time, Steven Petersen
6/10/2020 13:31	Holly Sandberg	Ms Fowler, I read today in the Desert News that you bell've Palacios-Carbajal was unlawfully killed after watching body-cam footage of this event. I felt like I needed to express my opinion on this matter. I do not know for myself what the body cam footage shows, if it'shows the whole escalating event or just part of it. I just know that in our society today that many times we see only a snippet of what has actually happened, and then base our judgement on that without knowing the full story. In police work especially, where they are called to deal with dangerous situations and put their lives on the line, we cannot see from footage what the actual event was like for them. The Desert News quoted you as saying "There should be no special treatment for the police and they should be held to the same standard as anyone else suspected of a similar act." I disagree with you in that the police are asked to deal with the criminal element, they are asked to put their lives in jeopardy, and in this way they are not like anyone else. You and I are not asked to do that. I am not saying they should not be held accountable. They should be. And in cases like this there will be reviews and whatever else needs to happen to bring a resolution to this event. It may end up being an unlawful event, but we need to let our system work. There may be room for improvement in how the review process happens, but as I understand it'salt Lake has a review process that involves independent review. In this culture of rioting and protests around police work I would like to see a little bit more support of our police. And I think that includes letting the review system work. I think you should be involved in following up on this. But, your remarks seemed almost inflammatory, given the current situation with all of the George Floyd protests and riots. Thank you for representing your constituents. Just felt a need to share my opinion. Holly Sandberg

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6/10/2020 13:35	Ireland Kearns	Hello, My name is Ireland Kearns and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because teachers spend hundreds of their own hard-earned wage on school supplies each year without reimbursement ( <a href="https://www.epi.org/blog/teachers-are-buying-school-supplies/">https://www.epi.org/blog/teachers-are-buying-school-supplies/</a> ) yet police officers can be armed with full riot gear to use against American citizens with full funding from the government. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in SLC's education system, especially the public schools in regions of lower economic standing. Sincerely, Ireland Kearns
6/10/2020 13:31	Steven Petersen	Dear Salt Lake City Council members, My name is Steven, and I am a constituent of yours. I live in Sugar House with my wife and our two children, and we are the owners of two small businesses in Salt Lake City. I am writing about the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I would like to request that, before the final vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget -- by at least \$30 million -- and reallocate the money to community services. Defunding the police means re-funding social services, and that's how we as a community can actually prevent crime -- not by threats of punishment. Shifting this funding to mental health services, addiction services, veteran services, services for people experiencing homelessness, school lunch programs, after-school programs, and schools themselves would do far more for our city than a bloated punitive system. We all will benefit from this reallocation of resources. Thank you for your time, Steven Petersen
6/10/2020 13:31	Homer Carroll	To Whom It May Concern, I think the iterations of emails you're receiving express enough the details, so I will be concise. Defund the police. Hold police accountable for their actions through civil tribunals. Use this money to fund education, house the needy, and for public assistance. This is obvious to anyone who has ever been in need. Obviously, funding the police generates more violence and backlash, funding education helps humans achI've their creative and productive goals. Stop the cycle; defund the police. -Homer Carroll
6/10/2020 13:32	Amanda Jones	Hello, My name is Amanda Jones and I am a parent and employee in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am someone who has dealt with mental health and addiction in my family, and I would have wanted my family to get the help they needed, instead of being crippled by law enforcement by way of jail, insane fees, losing the right to drive and get to work, losing eligibility to work after being incarcerated, and never getting the treatment of a mental health assessment or medication or addiction help. It was an uphill battle for them to handle all these barriers with the burden of mental illness or addiction and never get help, only punishment when they couldn't kick their habit or pay a fine. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in social services that would send mental health, addiction and homelessness counselors to help people instead of cops. Let's actually fix society's problems, not throw them in jail. Sincerely, Amanda Jones

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6/10/2020 13:33	Amanda Larson	Hello, My name is Amanda Larson and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the police have shown they are incompetent. I hope instead you I'vest in mental health services and housing. Sincerely, Amanda Larson Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 13:32	Susan Smith	Dear Mayor Mendenhall, Council Member Fowler and Chief Brown: I have alternated between horror and pride in the last ten days of lawlessness and law enforcement across the nation. Consequently, I respectfully submit a letter via attachment and pasted at the end of this email for easier reference. Law enforcement services provide a vital role in the protection of persons, property and rights in our society. During the Council Work Session today (June 9) about the Salt Lake City Police Department, please do not be hasty in deciding what is in the best interests of the safety of all residents, workers, businesses, organizations and visitors within our City. Do not allow loud, strident voices to drive your decisions on behalf of myself and all residents of Salt Lake City. Do not bow down, literally or figuratively, to groups with narrowly focused imperatives that will not serve our specific circumstances or needs. Do not submit to their demands for control of our lives. Cordially, Susan L. Smith June 8, 2020 Mayor Mendenhall, Council Member Fowler and Chief Brown Salt Lake City, Utah Dear Mayor Mendenhall, Council Member Fowler and Chief Brown: Since the horrifying killing of Mr. George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 25, I have watched on television peaceful demonstrations and violent riots, lootings and killings across the nation. I have heard the cries of "Black Lives Matter." I have heard and read pleas in various formats for constructive discourse and, conversely, hate-filled rhetoric with few or no solutions for racial inequalities. Now, the catch phrase is "Defund the Police," with a variety of interpretations of the theme being put forth. Here in Salt Lake City, on Saturday, May 30, I was rell'ved to hear of the early measures by Governor Herbert and Mayor Mendenhall in support of law and order through call-up of the National Guard and declaring an 8 pm curfew. I was appalled to see a relatively peaceful protest turn to violent acts as the day and evening progressed. I was proud to see law enforcement from around the Salt Lake Valley work in concert to carefully, calmly and judiciously direct protestors away from downtown for an hour and a half after curfew. I bell've much of the violence was incited by people that don't live in Utah who promote anarchy and that some Utah's came "armed" for lawlessness with accelerant, rocks, and other weapons on that day and days following. I'moved to Salt Lake County in 1979 and to Salt Lake City in 1986. Since 2007, I have interacted with officers at community council meetings, in Neighborhood Watch meetings, as a CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) member, in Mobile Neighborhood Watch (now Volunteer Corps) and as a neighbor. What I have observed is the dedication of officers to enforce the laws and to promote community unity, both on and off duty. The mission statement of the Salt Lake City Police Department reads, "We will serve as guardians of our community to preserve life, maintain human rights, protect property, and promote individual responsibility and community commi'ment." I wholeheartedly bell've that the preponderance of the police force takes on the mantle of guardianship with dedication and pride I understand that matters concerning the Salt Lake City Police Department, including funding, will be addressed in a Council work session in a few hours, on June 9. <b>1 of 2 *Continued Below*</b>

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6/10/2020 13:32	Susan Smith	<p><b>2 of 2 *Continued Above*</b> I do not know what specifics will be discussed, but my fundamental hope is that the hard-working officers and other employees of the Police Department will be treated with respect, encouragement and support. I pray that no member of the Council will think that the citizenry of our City can do without enforcement of the laws for safety of person and property and to protect the freedoms and rights that our society affords. Too many people do not care about civil, courteous, neighborly behavior. Some go so far as to seek thrills and personal gain by uncivilized behavior individually, domestically or in gangs, mobs or organized crime. Some suffer from temporary or chronic emotional or mental illness. Some experience extreme financial difficulties that leave them without a home. Some are under the control of drug and alcohol addictions. Our law enforcement forces are one fundamental component to maintaining a civilized society in the face of these circumstances. The Department website, <a href="http://www.slcpd.com/about/">http://www.slcpd.com/about/</a>, reveals how far the role of our police extends beyond simple respond-and-arrest. Community engagement includes bike rodeos, Citizens Academy, Coffee with a Cop, Community Advocates Group, Community Intelligence Unit, Civilian Explorers Program, Neighborhood Watch, SpeedWatchSLC, Promising Youth Project, and innumerable fairs and events for special interests, children, teens and families. Coordination with social workers and mental-health services is an effort to provide aid to people in need and to decrease arrests, "particularly [for] those who suffer from substance use disorder and mental health issues." (SDG 3) And, while most police officers are devoting their lives to their sworn duty, I'vectives are hurled at them individually and as a group--to their faces, in print and on video--by media, organizations, elected officials and residents, alike. Killing of and injuries to police men and women due to outright assaults and individuals resisting arrest seem of little consequence to the public nowadays. In 2019, there were seven incidents of officers being assaulted in Salt Lake City and 34 injured due to resisting arrest, but we don't hear an outcry from the public. "Shame on you!", I say to those who seek to hurt, betray, demean and break down our law enforcement services. As I advocate for and champion the men and women in blue, think not that I am naive enough to bell've that all individuals in such service are worthy to hold their badges nor that all procedures, provisions and funding must stay as they currently stand. I do bell've, however, that it is vital to keep in mind the many parts of preserving the peace in which the Police Department participates and equ'lment and tools it needs to accomplish such. Likewise, it is essential to keep track of how changes will impact those roles and what may become the responsibility of other parties, whether within City government or through other services and organizations, especially if funding for law enforcement decreases. Please do not be hasty in deciding what is in the best interests of the safety of all residents, workers, businesses, organizations and visitors within our City. Do not allow loud, strident voices to drive your decisions on behalf of myself and all residents of Salt Lake City. Do not bow down, literally or figuratively, to groups with narrowly focused imperatives that will not serve our specific circumstances or needs. Do not submit to their demands for control of our lives. Sincerely, Susan Smith</p>

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6/10/2020 13:37	Issac Salazar	Hello, My name is Issac Salazar and I am a tax paying resident in the state of Utah affected by the pandemic and am terrified and outraged by the unacceptable and unnecessary brutality and use of force by the SLCPD. I am also emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. The Police department abuses it's power more than it helps their fellow man and their treatment of peaceful protesters have been proof of that fact. I hope you instead you I'vest \$30 million in housing for homeless and financial help for Utah residents in need. Thank you for your time and consideration.
6/10/2020 13:34	Amanda Schroeder	Hello, My name is Amanda Schroeder and I am a constituent of yours. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police offices throughout the fiscal year. It is my hope that instead you I'vest \$30 million in social services, including homeless shelters, education and mental health treatment for those in need. It is my hope that we can soon live in a society that extends a helping hand to those in need, instead of coming down on them with the brutal force we have seen the SLCPD use. Thank you for your time. Best, Amanda Schroeder
6/10/2020 13:47	Andre Hamm	Hello, My name is Andre Hamm and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because it is a vital step in creating a vibrant and equal community. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in Education and community mental health. Sincerely, Andre Hamm Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 13:38	Amelia Wilson	I am a resident of salt lake city, living in liberty wells. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utah's during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. We need to I'vest in slc schools, social services, domestic violence resources, homeless and mental health resources. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Amelia Wilson, >
6/10/2020 13:42	Amy Pickett	Dear Salt Lake City City Council, I hope you vote to follow the lead of the Minneapolis City Council, to divest in the police and redirect money to community development and education. The current policing system is broken nationwide. Sometimes you just have to start over! The world is watching. Thank you, Amy Pickett
6/10/2020 13:39	Ivan Martins	Hello, My name is Ivan Martins and I am a resident of and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in rehabilitative services for those in the city experiencing homelessness and resources for those struggling with mental illness. Sincerely, Ivan Martins.

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6/10/2020 13:39	Russell Amott	<p>To the Salt Lake City Council, The arrest technique used by the Minneapolis PD is, by Salt Lake City Police Department's standards, improper, unauthorized and a violation of policy. Applying pressure to the neck is strictly prohibited, and officers are well instructed that such use of force is illegal and can result in death or serious injury. SLCPD officers are trained to intervene and stop the action of another officer who is using incorrect technique or even getting upset and not using effective communication techniques. There has been talk of more training for officers based on a sudden reaction to public pressure. Under Mayor Biskupski all city employees were required to attend many sessions of diversity training, ranging from implicit bias to harassment and issues in the workplace. Any form of discrimination has been strictly prohibited in the SLCPD'since long before I was hired 25 years ago. There is no place for it and it isn't tolerated by officers. As a whole, we serve the public fairly and impartially, striving to treat people with respect, even when the members of the public we deal with are racist, hateful or biased towards us. We have appreciated Mayor Mendenhall's efforts to speak with our officers on a regular basis and we look forward to open communication with the council. We are not perfect and we know this, but we do our best. We come from the community we serve and share in the experiences that all humans do, including pain, sorrow, fear, anger, and loss. If we were l'mune to emotion, we would be without humanity, being incapable of understanding what those we deal with are going through. The amount of training devoted to physical use of force, defensive tactics and arrest control has decreased significantly over the past few years to focus more time and attention on issues such as equality and diversity. We need to move back to appropriate techniques that are most effective to protect our community, offenders, and officers during confrontation. The true cost of training is in what it prevents later on and not just in how it makes people feel now. I encourage you to come out more often with officers and see first hand how we deal with the mentally ill and those acting out under the influence of drugs and alcohol, which are the basis for most of our violent encounters. People under the influence are not capable of rational behavior, are more prone to resisting arrest, and can have unpredictable, violent behavior that requires several officers with escalated appropriate force in order to keep them and the public safe. These situations are too dangerous for an unarmed social worker to deal with. Many of the most vocal members of the community are those who have lost loved ones in violent interactions with police, because of crimes committed by those loved ones, and they demand what they bell've is justice, while at the same time denying justice to the victims their loved ones harmed. No police officer wants to take a life. We all hope, rather, to save one. Through storms, pandemics and riots, patrol officers have worked long days and extra hours until they are exhausted, while protecting the quiet community, peaceful protesters, people experiencing homelessness, victims of violence and crime, and even injured rioters. You have hard decisions to make about where to make cuts. We serve the citizens of Salt Lake City, every day, 24 hours a day. This isn't the last storm the City will face, but how you address it will certainly affect how we are able to handle the next one. Respectfully, Lt. Russell Amott</p>
6/10/2020 13:40	Amy Allen	<p>As a life long resident of Salt Lake City, I am against Defunding Police!! We need police to keep our community safe! I appreciate all they do for Utah!! Sincerely, Amy Allen Get Outlook for iOS &lt;<a href="https://aka.ms/o0ukef">https://aka.ms/o0ukef</a>&gt;</p>



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6/10/2020 13:44	Jacqueline McNamara	Hello, My name is Jacqueline McNamara and I am an essential worker Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to the education budget. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because it is time to take steps towards a new Salt Lake City, a new Utah- one that is safer for black and brown people to live in. A Salt Lake City in which Bernardo Palacios would never have been murdered. I have been seeing more and more budget proposals that cut down even more on education and social services- two of the most essential pieces of keeping a community safe and supported. I hope that instead, you have some humanity and start l'vesting in the people of Utah, not the police. Sincerely, Jacqueline McNamara

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6/10/2020 13:41	Amy Lousie	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Amy Louise (SLC)
6/10/2020 13:44	Amy Reeder	Hello Chris and Austin - I'm writing to encourage you to take steps to defund SLC police. I do not favor abolishing our police force, but do favor defunding, which can create outcomes for safer neighborhoods and communities for people of color, and all people in general. I work in healthcare and know that some of the money used to arm and fund police can be better spent on alleviating health disparities in our city. Thank you for the consideration, Amy Reeder Lower Avenues Constituent
6/10/2020 13:51	Angela Toscano	Dear Mayor Mendenhall and Council Members, I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Dr. Angela Toscano

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6/10/2020 13:47	Andrea Becerra	Hello, My name is Andrea Becerra and I am a Worker and previous (graduated) student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because of the violence and the abuse of power that we have seen from police. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, poverty, etc. Sincerely, Andrea Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 13:42	Jack Moe	Hello, My name is Jack Moe and I am a resident of the Sugarhouse area. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million and reallocate the money to community services, particularly to address economic recovery coming out of the effects of COVID-19. On a macro scale, I was ashamed to learn that the US spends more money on police than any other advanced economy. Anecdotally, I have been troubled by the excessive show of force from the police at the SLC protests I have attended. It feels fundamentally wrong that I felt safer in the protest than I did biking home and coming upon officers and national guard troops with weapons that could gun down an entire block. In addition, I am deeply troubled by the lack of measures put into place to safeguard public health as COVID-19 cases continue to explode. it's seems wrong to me that if I walk into the Smith's grocery store close to my house more than half the people inside do not have protective masks, jeopardizing the health of the community. We need a far more restrictive ordinance to require masks in public places. Thank you!

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6/10/2020 13:46	Jackson Keller	<p>Dear Salt Lake City (SLC) Council, Last week, I emailed you a comment for the June 2nd City Council meeting which discussed the SLC Police Department (PD) budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21, among other things. I urged you to redirect funds that would be I'vested in mobile surveillance cameras towards victim advocacy and additional de-escalation training. I also asked you to consider whether a budget cut for the department would allow for more useful I'vestment in community infrastructure, especially for our poorest communities, and those communities which face over-policing and harassment from the SLCPD. My requests were moderate and reasonable. In the wake of local police brutality directed at protesters and a curfew that obstructed our right to free speech and threatened our most marginalized populations, I said that increased surveillance would bring more problems to our community, not provide solutions. I regret now that I did not demand more. I held back partially because I thought the Council would be more receptive to moderate change. I also held back because I was still learning about the movement to defund the police. I prefer to only make demands after I have done enough research to fully bell've that what I ask of elected officials is the best option for our community. I was also learning how to navigate the mayor's FY 2020-2021 budget document to make sure that all requests I'made were based on accurate figures from the document (1). Including some charts to provide key breakdowns for that 280-page document at the beginning would be useful next year. After a week of continued learning and research, and seeing the incredible response of our community, I am demanding more. The \$84,442,651 dollar budget for SLCPD is unnecessarily large and vastly overshadows our I'vestment in affordable housing, healthcare, transportation, and education (1). Since the close of the Road Home, we've been dealing with a homeless crisis. We do not have enough beds to support our homeless population, and the crackdown we saw on homelessness last winter was harmful, inhumane, and ineffective at addressing the root problem. We don't need more police harassing our homeless neighbors, we need to I'vest our resources in affordable housing, case management, and social work, not the theft of critical resources like blankets and tents. I'vest in our communities that are most affected by economic equality. I'vest in the communities of Color that face over-policing, and police violence. I'vest in other approaches to social issues than a police force that is trained to use force. I'vest in social workers and case managers. I'vest in infrastructure Continuing to I'vest more money into SLCPD does not solve the root causes of our social issues. In solidarity with the demands of my fellow citizens, I ask for a \$30 million decrease in the budget to SLCPD'so that those critical resources can be allocated more appropriately. I also echo the demands of my fellow citizens for a hiring freeze on new officers for the next FY so that we can safely cut the budget without endangering the salaries of currently employed officers. <b>1 of 5 *Continued Below*</b></p>

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6/10/2020 13:46	Jackson Keller	<p>2 of 5 *Continued Above* I am aware that the SLCPD has a number of policies in place to prevent police violence (2). Unfortunately, these policies are likely ineffective. When we ask someone trained in a culture of fear and violence to respond to a myriad of problems that require distinct approaches, knowledge, and training, we are bound to fail. Police officers are trained to bell've their life is in danger at all times, despite how rarely that is the case. Nationwide only 0.09 % of interactions result in violence towards an officer (3), and many of these instances may result from police escalation of a peaceful situation, or from failure to de-escalate a situation. Further, there are instances of police killings in which the use of non-lethal force is more appropriate than lethal force (I would argue the case of James Barker, locally, could be one such instance). 17 weeks of training (4) is not enough training to take on the burden of all issues for which we hold police responsible. That short training period does not allow someone to fill the shoes of a social worker, especially when much of that training is focused on violence and self-preservation. Nationally, 99% of police killings result in no convictions -- no accountability (5). Yes, some instances of police killings are in self-defense. But over and over we have seen high profile cases, in our country, and locally, that result in no real accountability for officers. Police killings are not correlated with violent crime, as we would suspect if the majority of police killings were truly in self-defense (5). If our policies don't effectively create accountability, then they aren't effective. Utah is not exceptional. We are not "far better" than the rest of our nation in terms of police violence. In fact, Utah is the worst state in the nation for disproportionate police killings of Black people, killing Black people at a rate nearly ten times higher than the rate of all people killed by police (5). Since 2013, Utah police have killed 82 people (8 of whom were black) even though our state population is around 2.7 million. Police kill far more people in the US than they do in Europe (6). We cannot accept police murder as normal, nationally, and locally, just as we can't accept our decades-long intensification of unjust incarceration and policing. Implementing measures like worn body cameras have not been enough to quash police brutality. In fact, body cameras have not even lead to convictions in many high-profile examples of police brutality (7). Departments like the Minneapolis PD have tried policereform, it hasn't worked (8). That's why their city council has vowed to disband their police department (9). That is why universities across the country are cutting ties with their police departments. I argue that our eventual goal should be to abolish police departments. I am not convinced that an institution that has its roots in the enforcement of slavery and oppression can be fullyreformed. I'm not convinced that an institution that was dramatically overfunded to allow for mass incarceration can be fullyreformed. But right now, I'm only asking for a gradual defunding of an overinflated budget. We just need to take steps in that direction to see if we truly can effect positive change and reduce crime rates by reducing policing. 2 of 5 *Continued Below*</p>

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6/10/2020 13:46	Jackson Keller	<p>3 of 5 *Continued Above* We will have to address many issues in our society before police are unnecessary. First, we will have to wait for crime rates to actually reduce as we divest money from the SLCPD and I'vest it in our communities. These changes may be generational, and will certainly not happen overnight. We need to re-conceptualize our approach to penalizing petty, nonviolent crimes. We need to discuss alternative approaches to punishment for crimes like theft, to see if the model of restitution we apply to multi-billion dollar wage theft would be appropriate. We need gun control to prevent mass shootings that only an organized police force could respond to effectively. We need to decriminalize drugs and end the War on Drugs to take steps towards ending mass incarceration. We need to consider how best to gradually fill in the holes that will emerge as we slowly phase out our police force. Who will monitor traffic violations, especially dangerous traffic violations? Perhaps an expansion of the Highway Patrol? How do we ensure those officers have the ability to defend themselves without meting out discriminate violence? Do We'relegate crimes like murder to federal law enforcement agencies? These are the questions we will have to solve in the coming years. All of this work will be closely linked to efforts to dl'mantle the prison-industrial complex. These efforts will also be linked to dl'mantling other systems that profit off of human life, like l'migration and Customs Enforcement, or the military-industrial complex. These monumental changes will take time, but we cannot ignore them. They will be an integral part of dl'mantling the systems of oppression that have succeeded slavery and Jim Crow. There is more work to be done right now than simply defunding the police and hoping all our problems go away. In a moment where we are scrutinizing the role of police in our society so intensely, we need to be sure to defend any existing protections our citizens have from those who "protect and serve." We need to ensure that Utah Code 77-7-27 which prohibits arrest and citation quotas (10) is not attacked. We need to improve our methods of police accountability. All instances in which an officer uses fatal force must be l'vestigated, and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. All instances where there is any question of racial bias affecting an officer's judgment (for example when a police officer pulled a gun on a 10-year old Black child in Woods Cross in 2019) must be fully l'vestigated and prosecuted. Officers should not simply be put on paid administrative leave during these Investigations. If we truly want to stop police brutality and police rac'l'm from plaguing our communities then officers must face consequences. If they are not l'mediately fired, they should face suspension without pay until the l'vestigation is resolved. If UFOP is concerned for their officers (more than they are concerned for victims of police brutality) then they have options. Encourage UFOP to provide cops with accountability insurance that will pay their salary during the period of Investigations (11). In this way, officers who damage communities instead of protecting them will face increased preml'ms that disincentivize violence. 3 of 5 *Continued Below*</p>

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6/10/2020 13:46	Jackson Keller	<p>4 of 5 *Continued Above* All Investigations should be conducted by a Civilian Review Board with the power to hold police accountable and prosecute offending officers to the fullest extent of the law. Internal Investigations or Investigations from a neighboring police department are inadequate and will invariably be biased in the favor of the offending officer. I am aware that SLC has a civilian review board with appointed officials. A place on the Review Board should be an elected position, not a position appointed by the Mayor. Members of the board must not be members (or former members) of any police force and should be barred from receiving any funding from the Utah Fraternal Order of Police (UFOP). If members of the City Council or the Mayor are not already barred from accepting campaign funding or don'tions from UFOP, this must be l'mediately prohibited. We cannot trust elected officials to protect the needs of our communities if they are beholden to police departments. In this vein, I also ask that the City Council supports its citizens as we put pressure on the state legislature to repeal H.B 415 which prevents municipalities from forming boards with power over a police chief. This bill effectively renders Civilian Review Boards powerless if their dispensation of justice can be blocked by SLCPD Police Chief Mike Brown. I also worry about the autonomy of the City Council to truly create a budget after Mayor Mendehall's comments that the SLCPD budget increase fulfills an obligation to the Police Union (12). Ensure that agreements made with UFOP that affect your citizens are made transparently, and with the approval of your citizens. As we defund our police to create a more peaceful future, we need to begin simultaneous implementation of policereform that will save lives right now, because we cannot wait any longer. Thesereforms, like the increased accountability l'mentioned above, must accompany police defunding. In addition to defunding the SLCPD, I ask you to fully implement the 8 policies available at <a href="https://8cantwait.org/">https://8cantwait.org/</a>. Regardless of whether or not you listen to myself and the many other citizens calling for reduced police budget, implement these policies. Stand in solidarity with your citizens as we take the next steps to dl'mantle institutionalized rac'l'm in our city and in our state. Help us decriminalize petty, nonviolent crimes that are used as excuses to incarcerate, disenfranchise, and dehumanize Black and Brown citizens. As members of the city council, you have a platform far larger than any individual citizen. Use it to pressure our state legislators to create a more equitable future. If we are the progressive bastion in a conservative state which values policing and "tough-on-crime" policy over human life, freedom, and equality, then prove it. These are my thoughts on how we address police brutality in our country, state, and city. I am still educating myself about the steps we can'take towards the abolition of the police. Please also do your own research. As Council Members, it is crucial that you are well-informed. Learn about Mass Incarceration. Learn about the Prison-industrial complex. For these topics, I recommend The New Jim Crow written by Michelle Alexander, and 13th directed by Ava Duvernay as an introduction to the concept. You need context for the argument I am making, and that context is far greater than what I can provide in this email. Police Abolitionists have been doing research for years, we should be learning from them, and seeking out their voices. 4 of 5*Continued Below*</p>



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6/10/2020 13:46	Jackson Keller	<p><b>5 of 5 *Continued Above*</b> I will include the free resources I will use to continue my education below (14, 15, 16). Redefining the justice system in our city will not be easy, and will almost definitely expose or create new problems. That is not an excuse to ignore the way our current system fails so many of our fellow citizens. Defunding the police is a step towards ending mass incarceration, and ending the prison-industrial complex. It is a step towards ending the inhumane violence our country has perpetrated against Black and Brown bodies since its inception. This is an issue of our moral failings, not our party affiliation. Perhaps you are worried that this moment will give political capital to conservatives in the upcoming election. I'm asking you to value human life over politics right now because we should not continue to stand for injustice any longer. Do not let UFOP pressure you into failing your citizens. Justice for Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. Justice for Bobby Duckworth. Justice for Darrien Hunt. Justice for Patrick Harmon. Justice for Harold Robinson. Justice for Elijah Smith. Justice for Dillon Taylor. Justice for James Barker. Justice for Cindrea Europe. Justice for Cody Belgard. Justice for DI'monte Riviere. Justice for Lauren McCluskey. Justice for all those whose names we don't even know, and justice for those who our police fail to protect and serve. Justice in our city, and justice in our state. It is your responsibility to know all of these names as elected officials and to vow that you will prevent this violence against your citizens in the future. Your constituent, Jackson Keller Sources: 1. <a href="http://www.slcdocs.com/budget/mayor2021.pdf">http://www.slcdocs.com/budget/mayor2021.pdf</a> 2. <a href="https://www.slc.gov/transparentpolicing/">https://www.slc.gov/transparentpolicing/</a> 3. <a href="https://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2014/12/police-gun-shooting-training-ferguson/383681/">https://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2014/12/police-gun-shooting-training-ferguson/383681/</a> 4. <a href="https://www.slcc.edu/satts/programs/law-enforcement-academy.aspx#:~:text=The%20SFO%20and%20LEO%20program,and%20Psychology%20of%20Criminal%20Behavior">https://www.slcc.edu/satts/programs/law-enforcement-academy.aspx#:~:text=The%20SFO%20and%20LEO%20program,and%20Psychology%20of%20Criminal%20Behavior</a>. 5. <a href="https://mappingpoliceviolence.org/">https://mappingpoliceviolence.org/</a> 6. <a href="https://theconversation.com/why-do-american-cops-kill-so-many-compared-to-european-cops-49696">https://theconversation.com/why-do-american-cops-kill-so-many-compared-to-european-cops-49696</a> 7. <a href="https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/7/21/15983842/police-body-cameras-failures">https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/7/21/15983842/police-body-cameras-failures</a> 8. <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/may/31/the-answer-to-police-violence-is-notreform-its-defunding-heres-why">https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/may/31/the-answer-to-police-violence-is-notreform-its-defunding-heres-why</a> 9. <a href="https://theappeal.org/minneapolis-city-council-members-announce-intent-to-disband-the-police-department-i-vest-in-proven-community-led-public-safety/">https://theappeal.org/minneapolis-city-council-members-announce-intent-to-disband-the-police-department-i-vest-in-proven-community-led-public-safety/</a> 10. <a href="https://le.utah.gov/~2019/bills/static/HB0415.html">https://le.utah.gov/~2019/bills/static/HB0415.html</a> 11. <a href="https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3449415">https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3449415</a> 12. <a href="https://www.sltrib.com/news/2020/06/03/trib-talk-salt-lake-city/">https://www.sltrib.com/news/2020/06/03/trib-talk-salt-lake-city/</a> 13. <a href="https://le.utah.gov/~2019/bills/static/HB0415.html">https://le.utah.gov/~2019/bills/static/HB0415.html</a> 14. <a href="https://www.haymarketbooks.org/books/952-who-do-you-serve-who-do-you-protect">https://www.haymarketbooks.org/books/952-who-do-you-serve-who-do-you-protect</a> 15. <a href="https://www.versobooks.com/books/2817-the-end-of-policing">https://www.versobooks.com/books/2817-the-end-of-policing</a> 16. <a href="https://www.joincampaignzero.org/#vision">https://www.joincampaignzero.org/#vision</a> Please note that all sources from the media include their own references and sources to back up their arguments.</p>

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6/10/2020 13:48	Jaclyn Foster	Hello, My name is Jaclyn Foster and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because police are the only agency who have been exempt from the near relentless budget cuts on all other public services over the last few decades. We have abandoned preventative measures for crime and instead punish people who have no other support or options. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in housing, education, and childcare. Sincerely, Jaclyn Foster Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 13:46	Ande Rel'man	Hello, My name is Ande Rel'man and I am a constituent of yours. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 discal budget. I demand that before the final vote the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$20 million. And that this money be reallocated to community services. I also demand the mayor maintains a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because a significant share of taxpayer funds is going towards outfitting the police with military-grades weapons that are being used against the people of the city. This system of (in)justice must be rethought and changed. The \$30 million that go to outfitting the police as if they were military would better serve the community if it were rel'vested into vital social services to meet community needs in non-violent ways. Thank you for your time, Ande Rel'man
6/10/2020 13:50	Angela Grazulis	Hello, My name is Angela Grazulis and I am a RESIDENT OF Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because of all that is happening with police force. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, addiction and public lands. Sincerely, Angela Grazulis
6/10/2020 13:47	Jackson Milne	Hello, My name is Jackson Milne and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because this is the world i live in and it'should never be this way for anybody. Cops are corrupt and need new training. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in Paying teachers and educational workers more and raising their pay by 20%, Providing more homes and shelters for the homeless, and having a better public transport system. Sincerely, Jackson Milne Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 13:48	Andrea Carrizo	Hello, My name is Andrea Carrizo, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am a recent graduate of the University of Utah's Master of Social Work program. As a social worker, it is my ethical duty and obligation to advocate for the vulnerable and the oppressed. Black individuals are oppressed by SLCPD and police departments across the country every single day. Over funding the police Department'so drastically after the damage it has caused and the lives it has taken is inappropriate and unethical. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public education, mental health services, and healthcare. Sincerely, Andrea Carrizo
6/10/2020 13:48	Jacqueline Scheider	Hello, My name is Jacqueline and I am a worker and community member in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope you I'vest the \$30 million in public health services and education instead. Sincerely, Jacqueline Scheider
6/10/2020 13:49	Jack Goodman	Hello, My name is Jack Goodman and I am a designer and sexual assault advocate in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because as someone who works with sexual assault survivors I want to see funding go towards mental health, therapy, and social services, Homes for the homeless, education, sexual assault outreach education etc. I am also someone who lives with mental health issues?if I were to have an episode and the only resource someone had to help me was the police, that could put my life and those around me in danger. We need to defund and abolish the police department and instead I'vest in the people of our community. Sincerely, Jack Goodman
6/10/2020 13:56	rodrigo arroyo	Hello, My name is Rodrigo Arroyo and I am a resident in Salt Lake City, in fact I live across from the Capitol. I'm emailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least 30 million and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the Mayor, Erin Mendenhall, maintains a zero hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've the funds are better spent elsewhere, such as education, housing, transportation, healthcare and addressing the growing homeless population in our city. I hope you I'vest 30 million wisely looking towards a safer and brighter future for your constituents.
6/10/2020 13:53	Sumeya Abdalla	Hello, My name is Sumeya Abdalla and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because [INSERT WHATS IMPORTANT TO YOU OR DELETE SENTENCE]. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in providing medical insurance or feeding residents who need it. Sincerely, Sumeya Abdalla

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6/10/2020 13:53	Paige Helotes	Hello, My name is Paige Helotes and I am a constituent of yours and am a licensed Utah educator. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-21 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by 30 million and reallocate it to community services. This money would be better spent on education, mental health, and homelessness services. As an educator and parent of 3 young kids, I have seen the dire need for better educator salaries and the devastation that the mental health and homelessness crisis has effected our community. I also demand that the mayor enact a hiring freeze for any new police offices for the fiscal year. Thank you for your time. Paige Helotes
6/10/2020 13:52	Rylee Marron	Hello, My name is Rylee Marron I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I don't feel safe in Salt Lake City with the SLCPD. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in school districts and education. Sincerely, Rylee Marron Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 14:06	Anna Scherer	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Anna Scherer Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 13:51	Angelina Snelling	I am a resident of Holladay. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Angelina Snelling
6/10/2020 13:52	Angelina Snelling	I am a resident of Holladay. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Angelina Snelling

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6/10/2020 13:57	Jake Allison	Hello, My name is Jake Allison and I am a lifelong resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because it's become clear that the continued militarization of the police only hurts our community, especially people of color. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, social work, and affordable housing initiatives. Sincerely, Jake Allison, 84116
6/10/2020 13:59	Jacob Romero	Hello, My name is Jacob Romero and I am a RESIDENT Of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we can use this money to help out more in the community! I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in the community like schools, roads, and honestly anything better to help our community. Sincerely, Jacob Romero Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 14:11	Ariel Flores	Hello, My name is Ariel Flores and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because after seeing the body cam footage released to the public of Bernardo Palicios being shot and killed by police officers, the first thing the public did was watch this video to determine whether or not his murder was justified. Instead of asking what made Bernardo feel so unsafe that he felt the need to carry a weapon or if the alleged robbery was true, no one asked what made this young man feel the need to rob someone for money. No one thought about whether or not he had lost his job due to covid or if he couldn't get job because of his alleged background. The cops in this video did not think twice whether or not this young man could have been someone else before they shot and killed him. I bell've this is a problem that policing has created and could be prevented by reallocating their budget (\$30 million) back into the community, specifically marginalized communities, who do not have access to healthcare, food, THERAPY, proper education, more counselors in school, and affordable housing - all of which could help prevent crime and prevent lives like Bernardo?s (and COUNTLESS) others from being taken by the hands of the police officers who are supposed to protect and serve. Before and after the ongoing protests it has become abundantly clear that the officers here in Utah and across our nation are not living up to their mission to protect and serve our communities. I ask that we I'vest these funds into people who can actually help, and not just antagonize our community. Sincerely, Ariel Flores Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 13:55	Sydney Hurd	Hello, My name is Sydney Hurd and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into social services, public transit, housing for Salt Lake City residents. Sincerely, Sydney Hurd

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6/10/2020 13:56	Sophie Nielsen	Hello, My name is Sophie Nielsen, and I am a worker in Salt Lake. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important because our current method of policing is not effective in protecting the people. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in programs that are individually focused on problems citizens face, such as free rehabilitation resources for people affected by addiction, a mental health specific first response team, crisis intervention teams for domestic violence and gun violence. Sincerely, Sophie Nielsen
6/10/2020 13:56	Ani Gabrielson	Hello, My name is Anni Gabrielson and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope I'vest the \$30 million in better solutions to solving problems the city may have. For example, having social workers or mental health professionals respond to emergency calls, or EMTs when necessary. The way we are currently handling situations where police report isn't conducive to a better future society and equal life for all. Thank you for your time, Anni
6/10/2020 13:57	Sloane Pl'man	To the leadership of Salt Lake City : I am writing as a concerned citizen. My name is Sloane Zupon. In the wake of recent spotlight on police brutality and murders, and the racial injustice that has been woven into the fabric of our nation's identity since its inception, I am writing to urge you to take I'mediate and radical action, and lead the nation by example in how you choose to move our city's systems, policies, and programs forward to prevent future instances like that of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and closer to home, Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. I acknowledge each area of city leadership for what they have done so far to address these issues, including Mayor Mendenhall's choice to repeal the curfew and allowing our citizens to exercise their constitutional rights, and for hosting and scheduling multiple listening sessions with community leaders, and publicly stating your disdain for the current systems, and promise of both long and short-term change to come. I have seen the statements issued from Chief Mike Brown detailing the SLCPD's policies and procedures to mitigate police bias, brutality and violence, and while I am grateful to see what is already in place like the Community Advocates Group, body cams, reporting and human bias training. These policies are encouraging, as is the Council's willingness to implement new training for officers, and review the operations of the Police Civilian Review board. No doubt our city is thinking ahead of the curve, and these new policies are simply not enough (as the City Council mentioned in their recent statement). We have an opportunity to think bigger, and truly model a reworking of government and society that breaks from our country's long and storied history of oppression. My hope is that the Mayor, Council, and Police Chief can work together to bring about radical shift in the way our city cares for its people. I urge you to make aggressive defunding of the police department and reallocation of funds your primary concern. it's clear from the recent statement from the City Council that funding of the department is up for review, and certainly with the upcoming budget vote, you stand poised to make I'mediate and lasting change in our city, and set an example for the nation. 1 of 2 *Continued Below*



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6/10/2020 13:57	Sloane PI'man	2 of 2 *Continued Above* I know that housing is already top of mind for the Council, and I would also like to offer the data-driven policy laid out by 8toabolition as a model for the types of programming that would end not only police brutality, but take us far into the work of dl'mantling systemic raci'm. While all the points from the campaign are vital, I personally would like to see dramatic increase of funding to support the following : Housing : especially since the City Council has named this as a priority, I urge you to look at new solutions including forgive burden of rent repayment during COVID-19, prohibit evictions, create non-coercive housing for youth experiencing abuse or familial rejection because of their identity as LGBTQIA+, increase funding for housing for refugees and those seeking asylum, continue to provide and expand adequate housing options for those experiencing homelessness Healthcare infrastructure : especially non-coercive drug and alcohol addiction treatment centers, neighborhood trauma recovery centers, women?s health resources, mind/body wellness resources (mindfulness, meditation, movement) training for mental health professionals, and free programming to low-income residents. Education : end the use of property taxes to determine school funding. Funnel resources into paying educators more, diversity and inclusion as well as trauma sensitivity training for educators and staff, and offering more and better counselling services in schools Youth Programming : expand current and develop more and more effective youth programs that support growth, development, safety, and community care I am looking to you to do your part as the leadership of our city government to unravel the societal structures that explicitly and implicitly harm our communities, and disproportionately harm those in our community who are Black, Indigenous, or people of color. All the best, Sloane PI'man Zupon
6/10/2020 13:56	Savannah allen	Mayor Mendenhall And SLC council, My name is Savannah Allen and I have been a resident of Salt Lake City for the past 4 years. I am currently also a grad student at the University of Utah. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I have seen the way that police violence destroys individuals, families, and communities. I remember working at The Road Home and being witness to police officers violently swearing at and shoving two black youth after they were already handcuffed. I have seen the inability of police to affectively and compassionately deal with racial issues, homelessness, and mental illness among other things. More than that though, as a social worker, I have been an active observer to the ways in which the greater salt lake community has suffered from continuously underfunding and defunding social services and community based initiatives. We don't need police. We need trained mental health professionals, we need social workers, and we need community healers. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million on after school programs and education services in low income communities, on affordable housing, and on free mental health services. Sincerely, Savannah Allen She/Her/Hers Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 14:01	Spencer Hardy	Hello, My name is Shea Spencer Hardy and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I voted for and elected mayor Mendenhall because I felt confident she would make the bold and progressive steps forward this city needs. And right now we need bold leadership willing to enact drastic changes that will bring our city forward and reimagine what public safety looks like in a way that is truly safe for all our citizens. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you invest the \$30 million into alternative community crime prevention measures, restorative justice programs, and community mental health programs. Please listen to the voices of the people in our city and across the country and help make this first bold step forward towards positive change for the marginalized and vulnerable within our city and community. Sincerely, Shea Spencer Hardy Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 13:56	Jainie Ray	t. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year.
6/10/2020 13:58	Sabrina Richards	Hello, My name is Sabrina and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I'm emailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least 30 million and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the Mayor, Erin Mendenhall, maintains a zero hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe the funds are better spent elsewhere, such as education, housing, transportation (how cool if Salt Lake City would double the current supply of public transportation), healthcare and addressing the growing homeless population in our city. I hope you invest 30 million wisely looking towards a safer and brighter future for your constituents. -- -Brina-

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6/10/2020 14:00	Caroline Kane	I am a resident of District 2. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops , and that you cut the budget by AT LEAST 30 Million dollars. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Caroline Kane
6/10/2020 13:58	Rachel Scott	Hello, My name is Rachel Scott and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because education is a much more valuable use of this money. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in social programs and education. Sincerely, Rachel Scott -- ~Rachel

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6/10/2020 14:07	Emily Snow	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City, District 1. I, like many others, am deeply concerned about ongoing injustices perpetrated by our city's police department against our community's most vulnerable residents, including the recent use of violent and excessive force against protesters, and the horrific killing of Bernardo Palacios. These events have been egregious and the total lack of consequence for the officers involved indicates a deep and rotten poison in our city. This is not a new problem or a string of 'incidents', unconnected either from each other or from the larger picture at hand. The Salt Lake City police force, like every other in this country, has a long and well-documented history upholding the racist system it was born from. Just over the last 7 years, 10% of people killed by police in Utah have been Black, yet Black people account for only 1% of our population. This is one of the highest rates in the nation. Salt Lake is no better than the rest, and any suggestion that we are is laughably ignorant at best and a dangerous, pandering falsehood at worst. Any choice that permits this history to continue is an act of complicity in the deaths of our Black and Brown community members. We cannot simply throw more money and a few more training hours at this issue when the police have shown us time and time again that they will not change. They have openly lied, beaten people in the streets, taken no accountability for their actions, and will continue to do so until we stop them. The incremental reforms have not worked. They will not work, and we will not accept them. It is time to try something new. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. Education, housing, health services and coverage, mental health services, rehabilitation and recovery, food access, legal defense, environmental protections, the arts - these are the programs that help a community grow and flourish. These are the programs we need to invest in, a need that is further heightened as so many face new and increased vulnerabilities living under pandemic conditions. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, and next to nothing for some of our most important social and community programs. We join the calls of those across this country to #DefundThePolice. We demand you cut the SLCPD budget by at least 30 million dollars. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing and empowers the people to care for each other. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to revise the SLC budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Emily Snow
6/10/2020 13:58	Jake Matsukawa	Hello, My name is Jake Matsukawa and I am a long time member of the Salt Lake City community. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because police have continually been shown to abuse their power and an undeniable use of racial profiling to target minorities in our city. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million into more important parts of the community like education, health care, more mental health programs. Sincerely, Jake
6/10/2020 14:00	Jake Strack	Seeing the amount of vehicles, tanks, equipment, etc.... That are available to the police while children's teachers, who are under paid have to buy supplies makes me sick. Rethink this budget. If it's geared toward punishment and enforcement and not the betterment of our communities. What do you think you'll get?

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6/10/2020 14:11	Emily Rives	Salt Lake City Council and Mayor Erin Mendenhall, I would like to express my concern as a citizen in regards to police funding. After witnessing the way the recent peaceful protests were handled, I am extremely saddened by the ridiculous amount of tax payer money that was wasted just to censor our constitutional right to peacefully assemble. I bell've a much better use of tax dollars would be to improve the infrastructure of the city. I would feel safer living in a city that takes care of their homeless and low income people, than in a city that hires bullies to occupy the city and rule it authoritatively and with zero accountability. I don't see the point in having the constitutional right to peacefully assemble when a curfew can be put in place with the only attempt to censor that same constitutional right. I am sad that I was not able to partake in the protests, but I am even more sad and disappointed that the way that the situation was handled makes me fear to ever do so in the future. People'should not fear their government, and no one should feel afraid to assemble out of fear of being brutally abused by the police. I bell've the protesters were protesting for a just cause, and I hope the city takes responsibility for their actions. Like many other residents of SLC, I will vote against any public servant that refuses to acknowledge that the situation was handled poorly and that police brutality must end. Allocate resources to improve Salt Lake City; do not allocate resources to oppress it. Sincerely, Emily Rives

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6/10/2020 14:00	JAMES BAGOZZI	<p>Hello, My name is Vincent Bagozzi and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because i want to see Salt Lake become safer, and i don't bell've the police force is currently doing this. i have seen the homeless population get continually harassed by the police and it is very disheartening to see. being homeless should not be a crime. i bell've one of the biggest issues in Salt Lake is the high amount of homeless people, specifically homeless youth. the money would be better spent helping them, rather than funding a police force that harms them.</p> <p><a href="https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-11-22/police-homelessness-poll%3F_amp%3Dtrue">https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-11-22/police-homelessness-poll%3F_amp%3Dtrue</a> &lt;<a href="https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-11-22/police-homelessness-poll%3F_amp%3Dtrue">https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-11-22/police-homelessness-poll%3F_amp%3Dtrue</a>&gt; national data shows that the number of Americans caught in a revolving door between the streets, shelters, and jails may reach the tens of thousands.(<a href="https://www.usich.gov/tools-for-action/searching-out-solutions">https://www.usich.gov/tools-for-action/searching-out-solutions</a>) I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in: Housing Housing provides a foundation from which a person or family can access the services and supports they need to achI've stability, begin the recovery process, and pursue personal goals. Integrate Health Care &lt;<a href="https://www.usich.gov/solutions/health-care/">https://www.usich.gov/solutions/health-care/</a>&gt; To treat and manage chronic health and behavioral health conditions that often affect their ability to stay housed and achI've their personal goals, people experiencing homelessness must have access to comprehensive health care. Building Career Pathways &lt;<a href="https://www.usich.gov/solutions/jobs/">https://www.usich.gov/solutions/jobs/</a>&gt; One of the most effective ways to support individuals as they move out of homelessness and into permanent housing is increasing access to meaningful and sustainable job training and employment. Foster Education Connections &lt;<a href="https://www.usich.gov/solutions/education/">https://www.usich.gov/solutions/education/</a>&gt; For children and youth experiencing homelessness, schools can be a lifeline. They provide safety, stability, and a connection to community that can help mitigate the impact of homelessness. Strengthen Crisis Response Systems &lt;<a href="https://www.usich.gov/solutions/crisis-response/">https://www.usich.gov/solutions/crisis-response/</a>&gt; An effective crisis response involves coordinating and reorienting programs and services to a Housing First approach, and emphasizes rapidly connecting individuals and families to permanent housing, while mitigating the traumatic effects of homelessness. Prevent Homelessness &lt;<a href="https://www.usich.gov/solutions/prevent-homelessness/">https://www.usich.gov/solutions/prevent-homelessness/</a>&gt; To end homelessness in Salt Lake, we must strengthen our ability to prevent it in the first place. To do that, we must take a multi-sector approach that focuses on housing needs, housing stability, and risks of homelessness across many different public systems. some of these things the city can't do on its own, but a small local approach is a good start. this is how we make salt lake safer, community-led de-escalation response teams, not the police force. Sincerely, Vincent James Bagozzi Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/10/2020 14:10	Aranza Castillo	Hello, My name is Aranza, I am a student at the University of Utah and a constituent of the Salt Lake City council. I'm emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's by at least 30 million, and reallocate the funds to community services. I also demand that the major maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there are better ways that the money could be spent on then funding a system that is broken and keeps hurting our communities. I hope that you I'vest 30 million in social service programs including school teachers, after school programs, health insurance, housing those in need, and providing rent relief specially during this difficult time. The action that is required now is not more policing in our communities but an I'vestment in the social services that make the community of Salt Lake City a truly compassionate and caring community. Thank you for your consideration, Aranza
6/10/2020 14:04	Anna Fukushima	Hello, My name is Anna Fukushima and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because Salt Lake city's police budget gives the police an enormous amount of authority and power. We have already seen what happens when officers abuse this power and it is important to me that the George Floyds of the world no longer suffer at the expense of police brutality. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in Utah's public education system. Many issues such as homelessness, crime, and health are a result of the lack of primary and secondary education. If we fix our education system, we hit the root of these issues. Utah has consistently ranked last in per-pupil spending, and we can fix this. Thus, I urge you to adjust the 2020-2021 fiscal budget in order to more accurately reflect Utah's values in achieving higher education. Sincerely, Anna Fukushima Sent from my iPhone



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6/10/2020 14:09	annie-Louise Holbrook	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. These are not only issues within marginalized communities? there are many white individuals in Salt Lake who struggle with affordable housing, and could benefit from an investment in the community rather than policing. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Annie-Louise Holbrook
6/10/2020 14:14	ashlee monfredi	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ashlee Monfredi

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6/10/2020 14:06	Deb Tsao	Hello, My name is Deb and I am a constituent of yours. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I do not support 8cantwait or proposedreforms to the SLCPD. I demand that the transition to dl'mantling the police department based on the changes outlined in 8toabolition begins with defunding SLCPD. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by AT LEAST \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead you I'vest \$30 million in housing, transit, education, rehabilitation, community based safety measures, rape recovery, and healthcare. I do not support SLCPD and I do not want to see my tax money support them. Thank you for your time.
6/10/2020 14:01	James Bustin	Hello, My name is James Bustin and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've that some of the money going towards the police department could be better spent on other things such as infrastructure. I also bell've that this might help demilitarize the police department. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in Infrastructure and school districts in need. Sincerely, James Bustin Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 14:02	Spencer Hardy	Hello, My name is Shea Spencer Hardy and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I voted for and elected mayor Mendenhall because I felt confident she would make the bold and progressive steps forward this city needs. And right now we need bold leadership willing to enact drastic changes that will bring our city forward and reimagine what public safety looks like in a way that is truly safe for all our citizens. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest the \$30 million into alternative community crime prevention measures, restorative justice programs, and community mental health programs. Please listen to the voices of the people in our city and across the country and help make this first bold step forward towards positive change for the marginalized and vulnerable within our city and community. Sincerely, Shea Spencer Hardy Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 14:04	Jamie Reeves	I am glad the meeting has been pushed back! Gives you more time for us residents to convince you to DEFUND THE POLICE! We want peace. We cannot have that with police. Signed, Jamie Reeves

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6/10/2020 14:02	Ann Gamble	<p>To the Council Members and the Mayor, I am a resident of Wynnewood, Pennsylvania. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, Ann Gamble Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/10/2020 14:02	James Porter	<p>Hello, My name is James Porter. I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am ashamed of the mayor's proposed budget. Let's discuss simple mathematics. SLC has seen an increase of population of approximately 7.5% while the metropolitan area has seen an increase of approximately 8.5% all since 2014 yet the police have received an increase of 30 million dollars which equates to an increase of nearly 55% since 2014. Police funding is being done at an exponential rate that has not shown any benefits to the people that as Mike Brown has said is to , ?Serve and protect everyone.? This is factually a lie as the supreme court has upheld that police officers have no legal duty to protect those that are not in their custody. We are acutely aware of the actions of police when people are in their custody or interact with them. George Floyd. Bernarndo Palacio Carbajal. Breonna Taylor. Say their names. The budget proposed a staffing freeze for the following: 1 victim advocate, 2 licensed clinical social workers, 1 social work manager which goes against what Mike Brown stated in the working session. This is not what we should be freezing as those are the roles we need. The budget proposes 8 hour of implicit bias training. 8 hours is not enough to change a system founded on oppression made to keep racial order not to keep justice. The criminal justice system is founded on oppression and from the Jim Crow Era. I demand that the police are defunded and We'reallocate those funds to resources that are proven to help BIPOC. 8 hours does change the fact that I as a latino man am 2x and my black peers are 3x more likely to die at the hands of police. This is systemic racI'm and it needs to change. The police must be abolished. Defund the police completely. I understand this will not happen overnight so in the meantime I ask that we defund the police by 30 million with at least 1.6 million dollars going to the 25 groups that council'man Mano mentioned in the working session. This is literally the LEAST you can do. And to Mike Brown?s point from the working session I do not want more police on the beat. I do not want more interactions with police. I don't care, as he stated, ?to have an ice cream cone with a police officer? when I am more likely to face death due to increased police interactions. I do not want cookies and cream with a side of police brutality for me or my people. Systematic prejudice and racI'm does not go away with having more interactions with the police. We need less policing. More police in schools is also not the answer. We DO NOT need police in schools when we do not have sufficient social workers, counselors, or nurses in schools. to think otherwise is asinine. I would like to express my dissatisfaction with the Civilian Review Board that is handcuffed by H.B. 415 Local Law Enforcement Structure and Governance Amendments. The bill prohibits a municipality from establishing a board or committee with powers over a police chief. This means that the chief holds all power over disciplinary action of their officers. This does not work. 99% of killings by the police go uncharged. This is disgusting. Furthermore, the current Civilian Review Board in Salt Lake City is not a democratically elected position but rather each member is appointed by the Mayor?this obviously allows for bias and not a fair, true, representation of our people. It does not matter what you and the police list out as short, medI'm, and long term goals if ultimately Mike Brown holds all of the power. Please let me know how I can work to repeal H.B. 415. I will gladly work with the council in order to achI've change. Regards, James</p>

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6/10/2020 14:03	Anna Eskelsen	Hello, My name is Anna Eskelsen and I am a stay at home mom in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe that putting that money to better use will help the community. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in hiring more teachers for our schools and giving them a raise. Sincerely, Anna Eskelsen.
6/10/2020 14:15	Ashley Bodily	Hello, My name is Ashley Bodily and I am a -----worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because so many lives have been hurt and lost to this point, we need to work on being proactive rather than reactive. Other countries in the world that are advanced as the US do not have as high of a murder rate by police. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in education, reforming and helping inmates. We have to be proactive to solve anything in the long run. Sincerely, Ashley Bodily
6/10/2020 14:06	Deborah Tsao	Hello, My name is Deb and I am a constituent of yours. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I do not support 8cantwait or proposed reforms to the SLCPD. I demand that the transition to dismantling the police department based on the changes outlined in 8toabolition begins with defunding SLCPD. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by AT LEAST \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead you invest \$30 million in housing, transit, education, rehabilitation, community based safety measures, rape recovery, and healthcare. I do not support SLCPD and I do not want to see my tax money support them. Thank you for your time.
6/10/2020 14:04	Anna Hansen	Hello, My name is Anna Hansen and I am a resident and student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I have lived in Salt Lake City for most of my life and plan on living here for years to come. I want to see Salt Lake City become a place where everyone knows they are safe and have as many opportunities for success as the next person. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million into programs that will benefit the public, such as better schools, infrastructure, and healthcare for communities and people in need. Sincerely, Anna Hansen Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 14:05	Sri Radhakrishnan	I am a resident of District 2. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Sridharan Radhakrishnan
6/10/2020 14:04	Anna Palmer	Hello, My name is Anna Palmer and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I want CHANGE. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million back in to communities that have been divested from. These millions of dollars could be reallocated to education or health/mental care services as just a few examples of a more productive use of these funds. Sincerely, Anna Palmer

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6/10/2020 14:07	Anna Madsen	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Ut. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. I am asking that you make the decision to cut the budget by 30 Million, not increase it by 2 Million more. Thank you for your time, -Anna Madsen
6/10/2020 14:05	Jamie Sack	Hello, my name is Jamie Sack, a resident of salt lake county. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I am proposing that 30M in funds that would typically be allocated to the police department be reallocated to community services. Specifically education, healthcare, housing, and access to food for Salt Lake City residents. The biggest indicator of crime is POVERTY, and at this point spending millions on the police department and leaving schools and healthcare underfunded has only had negative impacts on the residents of Salt Lake City, and the entire United States. Please consider allocating funds based on the needs of the citizens. Thank you for hearing our voices



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6/10/2020 14:18	Jeannette Snyder	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jeannette Snyder
6/10/2020 14:30	Jennifer Markelz	Hello, My name is Jennifer Markelz and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I request that before Tuesday's vote, the city reallocate \$10 million funds within the SLCPD and reallocate at least \$20 million to community building services. This is important to me because I think we need to come together to fight racial injustice. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in police de-escalation skills, police education of racial biases, transition from fear-based to care-based law-enforcement, mandatory therapy for police officers, and community based housing/employment organizations. Sincerely, Jennifer Markelz Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 14:07	Janet Arellano-Puga	I am a resident of district 1. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Janet Arellano-Puga

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6/10/2020 14:06	Jane Thorup	I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jane Thorup Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 14:06	Holly Mullen	I support a level of police budget defunding in FY 2020-2021. I understand the time and work involved in the budgeting process, and realize the City Council would face substantial hardship in reworking the Police budget at this late date. However, continued increased funding for police to add more weaponry and militarization to their ranks is unacceptable. Surely the Council could make a symbolic cut and funnel some money toward more affordable housing, economic development in impacted neighborhoods, or other city-supported programs that build communities and opportunities for people of color. I am not calling for stripping the police of weapons or even a large chunk of their budget. But it's abundantly clear SLC residents are angry and distrustful of the SLCPD, and have a lot of suggestions on how to restructure their budget and unquestioned authority. I was absolutely stunned at the City Council meeting on June 9th to hear Police Chief Brown tell Council Member Mano he did not believe the SLCPD had an issue with systemic racism, even in his full 30 years on the force. That is absurd. Either the Chief is in deep denial or he is lying. Racism and bias--overt and implicit--exists in every aspect of society. To deny its existence in the police department is an insult to our intelligence and merely shows how much work our leaders must do to conquer racism and brutality against people of color in this city. Black Lives Matter. This is not merely a moment in time but a movement for full equality and justice for all. Please take this seriously.

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6/10/2020 14:07	Annalee Sine	I am a resident of Draper, UT. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Annalee Muse
6/10/2020 14:07	Anne-Marie Leishman	Hello, My name is Anne-Marie Leishman and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the funds can and should go to other departments that so desperately need it. These funds can help our community as a whole go much further than the funding will do if given to the PD. Current events have shown that the way our system is set up is not working, and this is an option you can and hopefully will take to improve not just SLC, but this country as a whole. Sincerely, Anne-Marie Leishman
6/10/2020 14:08	Annie Anderson	Hello, My name is Annie Anderson and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in mental health treatment. Sincerely, Annie Anderson Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 14:10	Anthony Carcamo	I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, [YOUR NAME] [YOUR ADDRESS] [YOUR EMAIL] [YOUR PHONE NUMBER]
6/10/2020 14:12	Tess Bybee	Previously it has been requested that We'reduce the SLCPD budget by at least 30 million. After hearing of the mistreatment of some of our citizens by our police department during anti-police brutality protests I urge you to dissolve this city's police department and allocate that money to bettering our community and housing our neighbors who are without shelter. For example, I recall reading a response from Mayor Mendenhall that she?d received calls to increase police presence in certain areas of the city in order to address the homeless population. This is an inappropriate response to our neighbors without shelter. The money you give SLCPD could be used to provide more than enough housing for them. Thank you.

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6/10/2020 14:13	Evelyn Haupt	<p>Dear Mayor and Council, I reside in downtown SLC, District 4, and I would like to add my voice once again, to the issue of the imbalance in our city of funding our police department over the needs of our community. I want to bell've our cops have the best intentions; however, we have seen time and time again, that the structure of current police departments in America are failing the common people. As a country, 1,004 people were killed by police in 2019. In 2018, the US saw 1,000 fatalities by the hand of police departments as compared to 11 in Germany, 6 in Sweden, 3 in the UK, and 1 in New Zealand. We also have the highest number of prisoners, higher arrest rates, and highest deaths in custody. (CNN &lt;<a href="https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/08/us/us-police-floyd-protests-country-comparisons-intl/index.html">https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/08/us/us-police-floyd-protests-country-comparisons-intl/index.html</a>&gt; ). With a record amount of fatalities by Utah police in 2018, followed by the deaths in 2019 of Cindreia Europe, Harold Robinson, Bobby Duckworth, and obviously, this year's most recent shooting of Berndardo Palacios-Carbajal, we know that our attempts to fix a broken system are not working. Rather than growing our police department, Let's focus on ways to minimize it'significantly and use those resources towards a variety of first response methods, increasing community support, and public school funding. Not every situation is best served by calling the police. Local crisis intervention teams are better equipped to help intoxicated persons in a moment of crisis. Imagine if a first responder trained in mental health had been called to help Bobby Duckworth or Harold Robinson rather than a police officer with much less training both on de-escalation and mental health? Or if there was another way of helping people on the road be aware of brake lights being out without involving the police? Community support to me looks like providing more funding and resources to the UMOCA, to LGBTQ support groups, suicide hotlines (in 2018, we were 5th in the nation for highest suicide rates), homeless support, refugee programs, domestic abuse safe houses, and so much more. As for schools, according to ACLU Civil Rights Data Collection, 1.7 million students in the US go to school with cops but no counselors. 3 million go to school with cops but no nurses. 6 million go to school with cops but no school psychologists. My daughter has ONE counselor at her school as per the bill that was passed just last year allowing schools to have 1 counselor with no regard to student-to counselor-ratio. Additionally this last year, our school lost funding for a social worker, since it is unexplainably not included in government funding. And we all know that Utah public schools come in LAST in the nation in funding per student. Our students do not need cops to help them follow the rules, they need trained mental, emotional and social professionals to help them become good citizens. I truly bell've that all of you took this position to make our city a better place, and I also bell've that this time is possibly the biggest opportunity to do so. You are in the right place, at the right time. Please, I beg you to act in the best interest of our future and our children's future. We call for funding our community instead of increasing police resources to tip the scale to reflect the actual interests and safety of your constituents. We call for a better system, a healthier state of living, and a safer place to live.</p>

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6/10/2020 14:14	Zoe Perry	Dear Salt Lake City Council Members, I am writing you today in hopes that you will truly stand for your community by reducing the police budget by a minimum of 30 million, and by charging Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal's murderers. In effect, I am asking you to reduce the scope of our police force, rel'vest in our Community, and no longer allow such negligent use of force against us (and we all know how far this statement extends outside of Bernardo's unlawful murder). I could quote to you that the black population of Utah is roughly one percent, but in our police force deaths, the black population comes in at a whopping ten percent. I could remind you that cops in Utah kill more people than our gang violence does, but I would have to hope that by this point, given your positions of power, you are all VERY familiar with ALL of numbers and facts. I would also now like to take the time to thank Councilwoman Amy Fowler, who has spoken out against the unlawful murders, and implore Councilwoman Fowler, and all council members, to act. Stand by your community and I'vest in us. Defund the police. Thank you for your time, Zoe Perry Salt Lake City Resident
6/10/2020 14:10	Dennis None	I think it is ridiculous to want to defund the police department. I see thugs and drug dealers everyday and I can imagine how much worse it would be if this happened. George Floyd wasn't killed in salt lake City Utah. To lump all police officers as violent and racist is insane. I think these officers deserve our respect for all they do to protect us. I guarantee if these protesters were threatened with violence they would pray for a cop to come to the rescue. don't jump the gun because of pressure from the left. Less police will bring more crime.
6/10/2020 14:21	Steven Schmidt	You should defund the police department and fire all the bad apples. Regards, Steven Schmidt
6/10/2020 14:13	Jared Soper	Hello, My name is Jared Soper and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing you today in reference to the proposed budget for 2020-2021. As a resident of this city, I demand that the budget be allocated in a responsible manner, including a cut of at least \$30,000,000 from the SLPD to be allocated into community services that could actually benefit the city's population, in addition to freezing the proposed hiring of new officers. If you actually care about serving this city and its population, then I would think that you would want to see it thrive and prosper and grow. Instead of I'vesting an inordinate amount of the budget into the SLPD, I would like to see that money put into Salt Lake city's schools, giving teachers raises and improving school resources. Additionally, I would rather see that money I'vested into housing and feeding the ever-increasing amount of People'sleeping on our streets. Any amount of social services or educational resources would be a better and more responsible use of that money. After all, when communities are supported, when people are financially secure and receiving a living wage (which by the way, has not been increased in Utah in over ten years; meanwhile the cost of living keeps rising exponentially), there is less need for the police as there is less crime. Support your citizens, not suppress them. Sincerely, Jared Soper



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6/10/2020 14:10	Janice Miller	On Sat, May 30, I watched the TV footage of the demonstrations in SLC. I was favorably impressed by an interview with Police Chief Brown, saying, "Looting is theft, and we don't shoot people for theft. We don't." That, and the professional calm of the officers who were being harassed on the street, gave me confidence that my police force knows what they are doing, and are taking care of our people. Then last Saturday I learned that the police shot a young man in the back a few weeks ago, and continued shooting even after he was on the ground. As far as I can see, the only crime he committed was running away when told to stop. Had he committed a crime before the police arrived? Maybe. Was he dangerous? If he's waving around a gun, then yes. Still, there has to be some solution other than just shooting him and killing him. Why didn't a couple of the cops jump into their car and chase him down? Call for assistance to cut him off? This whole incident greatly reduces my confidence that police know what they are doing, and using deadly force in a proportionate way. It's time to reduce their budget and put resources into community development. However, I assume that if you cut the numbers of police, it will be the younger and more progressive officers who will be cut first, and that's not helpful. But it's time to increase the range of responses for 911 calls beyond just police, fire, ambulance. Maybe the response needs to include drug counselors or social workers or psychologists. It's time to explore options. Janice Miller
6/10/2020 14:12	Arolyn Gaj	Dear Salt Lake City Council and Mayor Mendenhall, I am writing to urge you to consider defunding the SLC Police Department by at least \$30 million and divesting that money to programs that help build our communities, particularly those that are low income and disadvantaged. I believe our communities would be better served by more social services as opposed to a police department that continues to operate with hostility towards people of color and with an emphasis on violence as opposed to de-escalation, as seen in the recent shooting of Bernardo Palacios Carbajal. Despite what may be the best intentions of SLC Police Chief Brown, these actions speak louder than words, and cannot be ignored. Thank you, Arolyn Gaj
6/10/2020 15:49	Edromar Undag	Hello, My name is Edromar and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, in the lower avenues area. I'm emailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least 30 million and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the Mayor, Erin Mendenhall, maintains a zero hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe the funds are better spent elsewhere, such as education, housing, transportation, the arts, healthcare, and addressing the growing homeless population in our city. I hope you've spent 30 million wisely looking towards a safer and brighter future for your constituents. Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 15:52	T. Mike Smith	<p>I have lived in the Sugarhouse Community Council area for over 35 years. In recent years I have been particularly active in CERT, Mobile Watch (Volunteer Police Corp.) and the S.A.F.E. Neighborhoods programs. I contact you all to offer some advice as you consider responses to the pressing COVID, protests, riots, and general challenges of our day. 1. We have had a fine Police Department and Emergency Management for years and continue to presently enjoy these assets. I have met many of the officers and members of the Emergency Management during my years of volunteer service to the city. I consistently found them to be able public employees. Their recent efforts to facilitate safe protests while controlling rioters, etc., have been yet another example of their dedication to our city. They deserve our ongoing support. 2. While contributing volunteer service to the city I have noticed that there are relatively few citizens who are very knowledgeable about or involved in the demanding complexities of operating our sizable city. This lack of understanding often predisposes individuals to make hasty judgements. Volunteer activity is a great way to both better understand and improve our city. 3. The unfortunate death of Mr. Floyd IS being addressed within the workings of established, proven procedures. This process simply requires both time and vigilance of interested parties, not riots in our streets. A lack of respect for proven processes is counter-productive, particularly when it rises to the level of inappropriate calls to defund police departments and replace such with ill-trained, ill-controlled citizens groups, etc. Similarly, the unprecedented demands of safely addressing a pandemic, produces vast psychological, economic, and social challenges. However, the new experiences we are gaining from addressing this world-wide illness are irreplaceable. 4. As a long-time volunteer to the city I have learned the value of assisting government agencies and preparing for a vast variety of emergencies by becoming informed, building supplies, making plans, and being involved. Regularly recommending such to every individual is helpful. 5. Calm steady hands are needed in these times. Please supply such to the management of our challenges. Sincerely, T. Mike Smith</p>
6/10/2020 14:11	Ariel Genovesi	<p>Hello, My name is Ariel Genovesi and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we have seen for over the past decade the harm caused to Black and Brown communities through police brutality and over-policing. We know that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, so I am asking that we I'vest in our Salt Lake communities to provide access and opportunities rather than fear and punishment. Bernardo Palacios should still be alive today. Maybe he would be facing a jury of his peers in the coming weeks, maybe he would have been released as a suspect after being found innocent, we can't know because he didn't get a chance at justice. This is the case for many in Utah, which is first in the nation for disproportionate police killings of BIPOC. Research has shown that diversity trainings are not working. You cannot force the police to change against their will. So Let's I'vest in the power of communities, mental health workers, housing and education. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in rental assistance, access to mental health care, health care, and/or education. We know we have a systemic rac'l'm issue here in Utah, I think we could scratch the surface of equity by supporting programs that help people meet their basic physical and emotional needs. Sincerely, Ariel Genovesi</p>

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6/10/2020 14:12	Andrew Grose	I'm sure many folks have already mentioned this but I would just like to add my voice to theirs, in saying that I think funds need to be shifted from the police budget to other things like affordable housing, more equitable city planning, counseling, homelessness, etc. I do truly believe that racism is systemic and that true change starts in each of our communities with things like the city budget. Thank You.
6/10/2020 14:17	Timothy Schoof	Hello City Council Members and Mayor Mendenhall, Along with many of my fellow Utahans, I am contacting you to urge you to divert large portions of funding intended to go to policing initiatives towards community-building institutions. Housing and mental health services for the homeless, community centers to enrich poor neighborhoods, and increased budget accommodations for our gravely underfunded schools throughout the metro area are desperately needing more money. Why pay an arm and a leg for policing to fix problems after they happen when you can invest in measures to prevent crime from happening in the first place? Please hear the call of many of our fine citizens and invest where our community needs it the most. Best, Timothy Schoof
6/10/2020 14:18	Emma Price	Hello, I know that the police are an important part of our community but they need more support without having to take everything on by themselves.
6/10/2020 14:13	Ashlee Monfredi	Hello, My name is Ashlee Monfredi and I am a RESIDENT Of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because [INSERT WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU OR DELETE SENTENCE]. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in [INSERT WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE INVESTED IN OR DELETE SENTENCE]. Sincerely, Ashlee Monfredi Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 14:13	Jason Eichhorst	Hello, My name is Jason Eichhorst and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Jason Eichhorst
6/10/2020 14:19	Jeff Sorenson	Hello, My name is Jeff Sorenson, and I am a Resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I'm tired of a police force that views the public as an enemy. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in our youth, educators, and public schools. Sincerely, Jeff Sorenson
6/10/2020 14:14	don mahoney	Does the council plan on discussions in regards to spending for SL Police Dept.? If so, please consider spending cuts to departments such as library and providing more funding to Police.

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6/10/2020 14:17	Jaymee Hoffman	Hello, My name is Jaymee Hoffmanand I am a worker of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in our communties. Sincerely, Jaymee
6/10/2020 14:14	Jason Talcott	Hello, My name is Jason Talcott and I am an Army Reservist and General Manager inSalt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I truly bell've our current public safety structure over burdens police, that we spend too much human capital on traffic enforcement and that police officers are ill equipped to provide the correct response in domestic issues, mental health crisis. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in Majors crimes unit, mental health workers, crisis managers and technolgy based traffic enforcement. No victim, no crime! Sincerely, Jason Talcott
6/10/2020 14:32	Sierra Stauffer	Mayor Erin Mendenhall, My name is Sierra Stauffer and I am a student in Salt Lake City, Utah. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget and in hope that Salt Lake City adopts policies toreform SLCPD. 2020-2021 fiscal budget: I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Policies toreform SLCPD: Campaign Zero has created 8 policies that can reduce police brutality if adopted. These policies are: Policy 1: Ban chokeholds and strangleholds Policy 2: Require de-escalation Policy 3: Require warning before shooting Policy 4: Exhaust all alternatives before shooting Policy 5: Duty to intervene Policy 6: Ban shooting at moving vehicles Policy 7: Establish use of force continuum Policy 8: Require all force be reported More information about the Use of Force Study and the research basis for these solutions can be found at 8cantwait.org I ask that Salt Lake City government officials look into adopting these 8 policies to decrease police violence. This is important to me because I want to feel safe in Salt Lake City. I want others to feel safe in Salt Lake City. Many of my friends and family are scared of the police and do not trust them to be honest and kind people. I bell've in our government and the ability to make a change. I am emailing you so that you know your community WANTS CHANGE. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in helping our state to have a smaller ecological footprint. I know the environment is important to you, Erin Mendenhall. I also hope that more money can be I'vested in healthcare availability for low income women. Planned Parenthood has been one of the only resources I have been able to take advantage of for my healthcare in many situations throughout my coming of age. There are many ways \$30 million could be used to help our community other than going to the Salt Lake City Police Department. Please consider other resources to give that money to. Sincerely, Sierra Stauffer

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6/10/2020 14:15	Eden Brush	<p>Dear Salt Lake City (SLC) Council, The \$84,442,651 dollar budget for SLCPD is unnecessarily large and vastly overshadows our I'vestment in affordable housing, healthcare, transportation, and education (1). Since the close of the Road Home, we've been dealing with a homeless crisis. We do not have enough beds to support our homeless population, and the crackdown we saw on homelessness last winter was harmful, inhumane, and ineffective at addressing the root problem. We don't need more police harassing our homeless neighbors, we need to I'vest our resources in affordable housing, case management, and social work, not the theft of critical resources like blankets and tents. I'vest in our communities that are most affected by economic equality. I'vest in the communities of Color that face over-policing, and police violence. I'vest in other approaches to social issues than a police force that is trained to use force. I'vest in social workers and case managers. I'vest in infrastructure. Continuing to I'vest more money into SLCPD does not solve the root causes of our social issues. In solidarity with the demands of my fellow citizens, I ask for a \$30 million decrease in the budget to SLCPD'so that those critical resources can be allocated more appropriately. I also echo the demands of my fellow citizens for a hiring freeze on new officers for the next FY so that we can safely cut the budget without endangering the salaries of currently employed officers. I am aware that the SLCPD has a number of policies in place to prevent police violence (2). Unfortunately, these policies are likely ineffective. When we ask someone trained in a culture of fear and violence to respond to a myriad of problems that require distinct approaches, knowledge, and training, we are bound to fail. Police officers are trained to bell've their life is in danger at all times, despite how rarely that is the case. Nationwide only 0.09 % of interactions result in violence towards an officer (3), and many of these instances may result from police escalation of a peaceful situation, or from failure to de-escalate a situation. Further, there are instances of police killings in which the use of non-lethal force is more appropriate than lethal force (I would argue the case of James Barker, locally, could be one such instance). 17 weeks of training (4) is not enough training to take on the burden of all issues for which we hold police responsible. That short training period does not allow someone to fill the shoes of a social worker, especially when much of that training is focused on violence and self-preservation. Nationally, 99% of police killings result in no convictions -- no accountability (5). Yes, some instances of police killings are in self-defense. But over and over we have seen high profile cases, in our country, and locally, that result in no real accountability for officers. Police killings are not correlated with violent crime, as we would suspect if the majority of police killings were truly in self-defense (5). If our policies don't effectively create accountability, then they aren't effective. Utah is not exceptional. We are not "far better" than the rest of our nation in terms of police violence. In fact, Utah is the worst state in the nation for disproportionate police killings of Black people, killing Black people at a rate nearly ten times higher than the rate of all people killed by police (5). <b>1 of 5</b></p> <p><b>*Continued Below*</b></p>

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6/10/2020 14:15	Eden Brush	<p>2 of 5 *Continued Above* Since 2013, Utah police have killed 82 people (8 of whom were black) even though our state population is around 2.7 million. Police kill far more people in the US than they do in Europe (6). We cannot accept police murder as normal, nationally, and locally, just as we can't accept our decades-long intensification of unjust incarceration and policing. Moreover, we cannot accept the violations of human rights that police have inflicted on citizens in recent protests. Implementing measures like worn body cameras have not been enough to quash police brutality. In fact, body cameras have not even lead to convictions in many high-profile examples of police brutality (7). Departments like the Minneapolis PD have tried policereform, it hasn't worked (8). That's why their city council has vowed to disband their police department (9). That is why universities across the country are cutting ties with their police departments. I argue that our eventual goal should be to abolish police departments. I am not convinced that an institution that has its roots in the enforcement of slavery and oppression can be fullyreformed. I'm not convinced that an institution that was dramatically overfunded to allow for mass incarceration can be fullyreformed. But right now, I'm only asking for a gradual defunding of an overinflated budget. We just need to take steps in that direction to see if we truly can effect positive change and reduce crime rates by reducing policing. We will have to address many issues in our society before police are unnecessary. First, we will have to wait for crime rates to actually reduce as we divest money from the SLCPD and I'vest it in our communities. These changes may be generational, and will certainly not happen overnight. We need to re-conceptualize our approach to penalizing petty, nonviolent crimes. We need to discuss alternative approaches to punishment for crimes like theft, to see if the model of restitution we apply to multi-billion dollar wage theft would be appropriate. We need gun control to prevent mass shootings that only an organized police force could respond to effectively. We need to decriminalize drugs and end the racist War on Drugs to take steps towards ending mass incarceration. We need to consider how best to gradually fill in the holes that will emerge as we slowly phase out our police force. Who will monitor traffic violations, especially dangerous traffic violations? Perhaps an expansion of the Highway Patrol? How do we ensure those officers have the ability to defend themselves without meting out discriminate violence? Do We'relegate crimes like murder to federal law enforcement agencies? These are the questions we will have to solve in the coming years. All of this work will be closely linked to efforts to dl'mantle the prison-industrial complex. These efforts will also be linked to dl'mantling other systems that profit off of human life, like l'migration and Customs Enforcement, or the military-industrial complex. These monumental changes will take time, but we cannot ignore them. 2 of 5 *Continued Below*</p>

Date	Names	Comment
6/10/2020 14:15	Eden Brush	<p><b>3 of 5 *Continued Above*</b> They will be an integral part of dismantling the systems of oppression that have succeeded slavery and Jim Crow. There is more work to be done right now than simply defunding the police and hoping all our problems go away. In a moment where we are scrutinizing the role of police in our society so intensely, we need to be sure to defend any existing protections our citizens have from those who "protect and serve." We need to ensure that Utah Code 77-7-27 which prohibits arrest and citation quotas (10) is not attacked. We need to improve our methods of police accountability. All instances in which an officer uses fatal force must be investigated, and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. All instances where there is any question of racial bias affecting an officer's judgment (for example when a police officer pulled a gun on a 10-year old Black child in Woods Cross in 2019) must be fully investigated and prosecuted. Officers should not simply be put on paid administrative leave during these investigations. If we truly want to stop police brutality and police racism from plaguing our communities then officers must face consequences. If they are not immediately fired, they should face suspension without pay until the investigation is resolved. If UFOP is concerned for their officers (more than they are concerned for victims of police brutality) then they have options. Encourage UFOP to provide cops with accountability insurance that will pay their salary during the period of investigations (11). In this way, officers who damage communities instead of protecting them will face increased premiums that disincentivize violence. All investigations should be conducted by a Civilian Review Board with the power to hold police accountable and prosecute offending officers to the fullest extent of the law. Internal investigations or investigations from a neighboring police department are inadequate and will invariably be biased in the favor of the offending officer. I am aware that SLC has a civilian review board with appointed officials. A place on the Review Board should be an elected position, not a position appointed by the Mayor. Members of the board must not be members (or former members) of any police force and should be barred from receiving any funding from the Utah Fraternal Order of Police (UFOP). If members of the City Council or the Mayor are not already barred from accepting campaign funding or donations from UFOP, this must be immediately prohibited. We cannot trust elected officials to protect the needs of our communities if they are beholden to police departments. In this vein, I also ask that the City Council supports its citizens as we put pressure on the state legislature to repeal H.B 415 which prevents municipalities from forming boards with power over a police chief. This bill effectively renders Civilian Review Boards powerless if their dispensation of justice can be blocked by SLCPD Police Chief Mike Brown. I also worry about the autonomy of the City Council to truly create a budget after Mayor Mendehall's comments that the SLCPD budget increase fulfills an obligation to the Police Union (12). Ensure that agreements made with UFOP that affect your citizens are made transparently, and with the approval of your citizens. As we defund our police to create a more peaceful future, we need to begin simultaneous implementation of policereform that will save lives right now, because we cannot wait any longer. <b>3 of 5 *Continued Below*</b></p>



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6/10/2020 14:15	Eden Brush	<p>4 of 5 *Continued Above* These reforms, like the increased accountability I mentioned above, must accompany police defunding. In addition to defunding the SLCPD, I ask you to fully implement the 8 policies available at <a href="https://8cantwait.org/">https://8cantwait.org/</a>. Regardless of whether or not you listen to myself and the many other citizens calling for reduced police budget, implement these policies. Stand in solidarity with your citizens as we take the next steps to dismantle institutionalized racism in our city and in our state. Help us decriminalize petty, nonviolent crimes that are used as excuses to incarcerate, disenfranchise, and dehumanize Black and Brown citizens. As members of the city council, you have a platform far larger than any individual citizen. Use it to pressure our state legislators to create a more equitable future. If we are the progressive bastion in a conservative state which values policing and "tough-on-crime" policy over human life, freedom, and equality, then prove it. These are my thoughts on how we address police brutality in our country, state, and city. I am still educating myself about the steps we can take towards the abolition of the police. Please also do your own research. As Council Members, it is crucial that you are well-informed. Learn about Mass Incarceration. Learn about the Prison-industrial complex. For these topics, I recommend The New Jim Crow written by Michelle Alexander, and 13th directed by Ava Duvernay as an introduction to the concept. You need context for the argument I am making, and that context is far greater than what I can provide in this email. Police Abolitionists have been doing research for years, we should be learning from them, and seeking out their voices. I will include the free resources I will use to continue my education below (14, 15, 16). Redefining the justice system in our city will not be easy, and will almost definitely expose or create new problems. That is not an excuse to ignore the way our current system fails so many of our fellow citizens. Defunding the police is a step towards ending mass incarceration, and ending the prison-industrial complex. It is a step towards ending the inhumane violence our country has perpetrated against Black and Brown bodies since its inception. This is an issue of our moral failings, not our party affiliation. Perhaps you are worried that this moment will give political capital to conservatives in the upcoming election. I'm asking you to value human life over politics right now because we should not continue to stand for injustice any longer. Do not let UFOP pressure you into failing your citizens. 4 of 5 *Continued Below*</p>

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6/10/2020 14:15	Eden Brush	<b>5 of 5 *Continued Above*</b> Justice for Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. Justice for Bobby Duckworth. Justice for Darrien Hunt. Justice for Patrick Harmon. Justice for Harold Robinson. Justice for Elijah Smith. Justice for Dillon Taylor. Justice for James Barker. Justice for Cindreia Europe. Justice for Cody Belgard. Justice for DI'monte Riviore. Justice for Lauren McCluskey. Justice for all those whose names we don't even know, and justice for those who our police fail to protect and serve. Justice in our city, and justice in our state. It is your responsibility to know all of these names as elected officials and to vow that you will prevent this violence against your citizens in the future. Your constituent, Eden Brush Sources: 1. <a href="http://www.slcdocs.com/budget/mayor2021.pdf">http://www.slcdocs.com/budget/mayor2021.pdf</a> 2. <a href="https://www.slc.gov/transparentpolicing/">https://www.slc.gov/transparentpolicing/</a> 3. <a href="https://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2014/12/police-gun-shooting-training-ferguson/383681/">https://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2014/12/police-gun-shooting-training-ferguson/383681/</a> 4. <a href="https://www.slcc.edu/satts/programs/law-enforcement-academy.aspx#:~:text=The%20SFO%20and%20LEO%20program,and%20Psychology%20of%20Criminal%20Behavior">https://www.slcc.edu/satts/programs/law-enforcement-academy.aspx#:~:text=The%20SFO%20and%20LEO%20program,and%20Psychology%20of%20Criminal%20Behavior</a> . 5. <a href="https://mappingpoliceviolence.org/">https://mappingpoliceviolence.org/</a> 6. <a href="https://theconversation.com/why-do-american-cops-kill-so-many-compared-to-european-cops-49696">https://theconversation.com/why-do-american-cops-kill-so-many-compared-to-european-cops-49696</a> 7. <a href="https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/7/21/15983842/police-body-cameras-failures">https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/7/21/15983842/police-body-cameras-failures</a> 8. <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/may/31/the-answer-to-police-violence-is-notreform-its-defunding-heres-why">https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/may/31/the-answer-to-police-violence-is-notreform-its-defunding-heres-why</a> 9. <a href="https://theappeal.org/minneapolis-city-council-members-announce-intent-to-disband-the-police-department-i-vest-in-proven-community-led-public-safety/">https://theappeal.org/minneapolis-city-council-members-announce-intent-to-disband-the-police-department-i-vest-in-proven-community-led-public-safety/</a> 10. <a href="https://le.utah.gov/~2019/bills/static/HB0415.html">https://le.utah.gov/~2019/bills/static/HB0415.html</a> 11. <a href="https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3449415">https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3449415</a> 12. <a href="https://www.sltrib.com/news/2020/06/03/trib-talk-salt-lake-city/">https://www.sltrib.com/news/2020/06/03/trib-talk-salt-lake-city/</a> 13. <a href="https://le.utah.gov/~2019/bills/static/HB0415.html">https://le.utah.gov/~2019/bills/static/HB0415.html</a> 14. <a href="https://www.haymarketbooks.org/books/952-who-do-you-serve-who-do-you-protect">https://www.haymarketbooks.org/books/952-who-do-you-serve-who-do-you-protect</a> 15. <a href="https://www.versobooks.com/books/2817-the-end-of-policing">https://www.versobooks.com/books/2817-the-end-of-policing</a> 16. <a href="https://www.joincampaignzero.org/#vision">https://www.joincampaignzero.org/#vision</a> Please note that all sources from the media include their own references and sources to back up their arguments.
6/10/2020 14:15	Jaycie Haroldsen	I am a resident of District 3. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jaycie Haroldsen Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 14:22	Terri Gilfillan	Hello, My name is Terri and I work and am a community member of Salt Lake City. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPDs budget by at least \$30 million and reallocate those funds to community services. I urge the city council to look at the science that proves that overpolicing does not fight crime. In order to effectively fight crime the core we must understand the reasons for why people feel the need to commit crime ? such as poverty, homelessness, and mental health resource. The city's new homeless initiative that claims to help with resources to fight homelessness should NOT be defunded in this proposed budget, as it currently stands. There are currently not enough beds during the winter and making it illegal and forcefully removing homeless folks from camping in the city, again when there are not enough beds, is wrong and unhelpful. I demand that the extraordinarily large budget for the SLCPD be reallocated to the negative homeless services budget. Science and history has shown us that policereform does not work to reduce crime. If you care about the safety of our citizens, I urge you to actually listen to us and put our money where our best intentions and safety lie. I also demand that Mayor Mendenhall maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers through the fiscal year. Thank you for your time.
6/10/2020 14:16	Devin B	I am writing to you today to discuss the public funding for the future of our Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving, 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,000. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here, they are violent in the face of non-violent protesting and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic rac'l'm between over-polic ing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Please consider de-funding the police and funding more important things. If we want to see change for the better, we need to prevent the problems, not 'solve' the problems with police. Thank you.
6/10/2020 14:16	Jennifer Jakubek	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jennifer Jakubek Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 14:17	Eliza Van Dyk	Hello, My name is Eliza Van Dyk, I live in the Sugarhouse neighborhood in Salt Lake City and want the following comment on the record: As a resident of Salt Lake City, I'm calling on the Salt Lake City Council to act with moral courage and propose a vote to decrease funding by at least \$30 million to the Salt Lake Police Department for 2020-2021, and enact a hiring freeze on new officers. Those funds should be rel'vested into services and programs directed by the public through accessible and democratic decision-making processes. There is a direct link of systematic raci'm between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dl'missive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Eliza Van Dyk
6/10/2020 14:23	Emily Payne	To whom it may concern, I'moved to Salt Lake six years. I originally came to Utah to attend the University of Utah and planned on moving out of Utah as soon as I graduated. I was culture shocked to say the least upon my arrival here in Salt Lake. However, as the years passed, Salt Lake has grown on me I'mensely. Even in my time living in this city I have seen progress in the right direction. Unfortunately, seeing the budget that was proposed for this coming year sadden me. I would like to voice my disagreement for the amount of funding that would be put toward the police force in Salt Lake. I would like to propose contributing a significant amount of that money toward the education budget in Salt Lake. I think education is the most valuable thing we can I'vest in. And even better, I'vesting in the future members of our community in Salt Lake. May some of that increased budget to education go towards better educating our schools and communities of the injustices raci'm has had on Black and people of color. As well as the impact of raci'm being present in the Salt Lake community. Although, I am not Black or a person of color, I have been made very uncomfortable by what I have seen and heard in the past. I would like all members of the Salt Lake community to feel included, supported, and at the very least safe. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my words. Respectfully, Emily

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6/10/2020 14:18	Ellie Kaiser	Hello, My name is Ellie Kaiser and I am a constituent of yours. I'm emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because BLACK LIVES MATTER and the police harms communities of color. I hope instead you I'vest the money in homeless services and I'vestments in communities of color. Best, Ellie Kaiser
6/10/2020 16:03	Daela Tipton	Hello, I am a resident of Sugar House and am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a budget that reallocates funding away from the police and rel'vests in communities. The SLCPD has a well documented history of murdering Black people. Enough empty gestures, it's time for real change. Communities need increased funding for healthcare and housing, not the SLCPD. Salt Lake City residents want a budget that actually supports the people you have sworn to serve. The budget is in your hands - revise it. We need Care, not Cops. Thanks, Daela Tipton
6/10/2020 14:27	Jennifer Danforth	Hello, My name is Jennifer Danforth, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City and a student at the University of Utah. I'm writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. It would be in the best interest of all SLC residents that before the final vote, that the city make drastic cuts to SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate that money to community services. I also STRONGLY suggest that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers for the remainder of the fiscal year. This is an incredibly important step in helping EVERYONE in our city feel truly protected and safe. It has been shown that police and police presence does more to instigate and cause harm to our citizens than it does to protect them. Black lives MATTER, and their deaths at the hands of the police needs to STOP. Rather, I'vest that money into community-based protective services and fund organizations that provide numerous other options for community safety. Please, for the lives of our Black brothers and sisters in Salt Lake City, defund the SLCPD and rel'vest in more productive, effective options. Thank you for your time, Jennifer Danforth
6/10/2020 14:31	Jeremy Stockman	My name is Jeremy Stockman. I am a resident of Salt Lake City, and a registered independent voter. I am writing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that SLC PD's budget be cut by at least \$30 million, and the money be reallocated towards programs and opportunities for at-risk youth. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on police officers until the end of the fiscal year. This is important to me because I want to see an end to police violence against the citizens they are supposed to protect. We should be I'vesting more in helping at-risk youth, so there is less need for policing in the future, and the violence associated with that. Our children are our future. By providing more services to help disadvantaged children develop into healthy adults, we can shape that future. Let's give our children the chance in life that they deserve. Thank you.
6/10/2020 14:21	Jeffrey Harding	I am writing to urge the city council to defund SLCPD. I will keep my comments brief. Stop I'vesting our tax dollars into resources that enable police violence. Cut the police budget and rel'vest that money into services that will help the communities that have been brutalized by the police and by a myriad of other discriminatory policies. This is only the beginning, but defunding the police is a necessary first step. Jeffrey Harding

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6/10/2020 14:20	Anonymous Constituent	it's saddening the extent people are wanting to take from our police department. I think that added training would be good for the public on the numbers of Utah and what happens. Please find a way to keep our public safety officials funded and educated. I know they can be making split-second decisions and usually do a good job, shooting silence in the back several times while they are running away isn't the norm... and should probably be stopped 99% of the time. Our safety servants need to be funded and educated. :)
6/10/2020 14:22	Anonymous Constituent	
6/10/2020 14:24	Tara Danneman	Hi! My name is Tara Danneman and I'm a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that Mayor Mendenhall maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because many studies have shown that I've investing in your community helps reduce crime far more than having more police. Most crimes are committed out of desperation, and during COVID19 we should be I've investing in helping our communities, not making more arrests to feed money to the state. This money could go to affordable housing, homeless programs, food programs, education, etc. All of these other areas have been heavily affected by the pandemic and need the money more than the SLCPD. Lets use our budget to fight crime in a better way than policing, lets keep it from happening in the first place. Thank you for your time. Tara Danneman
6/10/2020 14:34	Daryl Lindsey	Hello Salt Lake City Council, My name is Daryl Lindsey and I am a Salt Lake City resident. I am writing to be one of the many voices demanding you reallocate at least \$30 million from the ever-growing SLCPD budget to rel'vest in revitalizing community efforts that will significantly lower the need for policing. I know you have already received links and resources detailing why "more training" and "more bodycams" don't actually reduce excessive force among the police. I trust you have already read these easily-found statistics as you make these considerations, so I will not repeat them now. I will simply reiterate what feels like the most common of sense: Why not treat the cause, when treating the symptoms only contributes to systemic oppression that results in the preventable, unlawful, unacceptable deaths of our neighbors? * Mental health services for our most vulnerable * Rehabilitation programs for those with addictions * Rehabilitation programs for prisoners reentering society * Affordable housing to improve the quality of life of our low-income neighbors * Resources for our homeless community How many police calls would no longer be necessary at all if we could more robustly address even a few of these needs? I am proud that this is just one email you will receive of hundreds or thousands. It is a privilege to witness social change in action, and I pray it will lead to seeing democracy in action as you, our elected officials, do what we elected you to do: represent us. I love Salt Lake City and hope you do the right thing. Daryl Lindsey

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6/10/2020 14:35	Sidney Hare	Hello, My name is Sidney Hare and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I want every single resident of Salt Lake City to feel comfortable in this city and not afraid of what the police may do to them. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in better mental health facilities for locals and housing for the homeless. Sincerely, Sidney Hare Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 14:38	Angie Pettersen	Hello, My name is Angie and I work for a local company in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we can no longer sit idly by while people in this city, minorities especially, are being abused, racially profiled and killed by the very system we pay to protect them. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in supporting our homeless population, funding social services, advancing our education system and reducing our city's environmental impact. The future of our city is in your hands. Make us proud. Sincerely, Angie Pettersen
6/10/2020 14:43	ashma shrestha	To whom it may concern, My name is Ashma Shrestha. I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing the council today in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal years. This is important to me because the increase in militarization of police is a traumatic experience for many in our community. The police are there to protect us but historically, they have neglected the well being of POCs. I hope instead you I'vest the reallocated money to mental health, the transient population, and the wellbeing of the LGBTQIA community. These are some major issues our community, at large, is facing. I write with much hope to see change in our community. Thank you for your time. Ashma Shrestha
6/10/2020 14:33	Willow Skye	My name is Willow, on Friday night May 22nd I was laying awake restless when suddenly I heard rapid gunfire and became aware of my entire neighborhood being filled with police. My 6 year old was woken up it was so loud and startling. I had a bad feeling about it, and sure enough my feeling tragically turned out to be true when I learned that it was 22 year old Bernardo Palacios, running scared for his life who was slaughtered relentlessly by my cities police force. In a time when budgets are being slashed and gutted due to Covid 19s effects, I see no better time to wake up to the cries of our community and begin the defunding and dismantlement of our police force. My sons special education budget is being gutted, but the cops waking him up at 6 in the morning as they murder our neighbors are getting a raise. This is wrong. Please listen to the community and please start moving the police budget to new areas that I'vest in the growth of our community not more racist violence. Sincerely Willow



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6/10/2020 14:28	Jenika Pit's	Good Evening, I wanted to write to you asking that you not reduce the current police budget. I know I along with so many others are writing you their opinions on the subject and I do not envy the position you are in. My first concern would be the countless families this will negatively affect due to job reduction. There are unfortunately few ways for any department to eliminate cost as fast as letting hard working employees go. I know this is a common practice and often a necessary part for many organizations, but with our current economic state where so many are already without jobs, increasing that would put an even greater burden on an already stressed system. My second concern is the short- and long-term effects of such a drastic change to the one department that is meant to keep our cities safe and ordered. I know there is always room for improvement, there is no denying that, but it seems a large cut in budget would hinder improvement. If there was a way to have a reduction in police force that led to a reduction in crime and civil disorder that would be a perfect situation. Sadly, we do not live in a perfect situation and as current events all over the country have shown, many use destruction and violence against the innocent. Unfortunately, there will always be those that do not respect the laws nor follow them and make the police department a necessity. Are there any plans in place on how to handle situations that will arise when there is no longer the budget for highly trained, quality officers? A city cannot make such large decisions based on the hope that it will make things better. I believe that abrupt, drastic changes made during times of high emotion and out of fear are not going to have the best outcome for our citizens or our future as a city. Our cities, our country, and even the world are going through and experiencing things never imagined and we are all terrified, frustrated, and exhausted. That does not mean that there cannot be change or even quick actions taken to better ourselves as citizens, as a police department, and as a city. It will take actions from every individual and thoughtful, researched decisions to improve our already great city. Thank you for your time, Jenika
6/10/2020 14:29	Cody Ashdown	Hello, My name is Cody Ashdown and I am a resident and student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in education. Sincerely, Cody Ashdown

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6/10/2020 14:35	Amy Nebeker	<p>Hello, My name is Amy Nebeker and I am a resident near Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I want to be clear that I greatly appreciate the SLCPD and all the work they have done for our community. But I do feel that we often expect too much of our police. And We're throwing a lot of money at them for things that could be better accomplished in other areas. I bell've that at least some of the money would be better I'vested in preventative measures, such as in improving our local schools and healthcare, and providing resources to our homeless and low-income populations. I am an ICU RN, and I can assure you that COVID-19 highlighted just how badly our healthcare is lacking right now. I would love to see some of the money given to hospitals to provide our staff with proper PPE. I'm tired of reusing my N95 (yes, we still are) and sharing PAPR equil'ment with other staff, putting me and my family at risk of infection while I try to save lives. And this is all while watching our police departments show off their military-esque uniforms and equil'ment all of a sudden. I understand that they are at a huge risk as well, but it's still a bit insulting that they are offered high-grade protection while nursing staff is denied basic protection and not even offered hazard pay (-----!). And the costs of our PPE is so minimal comparatively. Not to demean the work of cops, but people often forget that we as nurses are also trained in de-escalation and put our lives on the line as well every day (particularly in emergency and critical care). But I admit I digress a bit. Again, I don't mean to dl'miss the work the police departments do and will continue to do. I don't want to lose them. I simply bell've that they should be defunded at least a bit in order to improve other areas such as healthcare and education. Finding ways to improve mental health especially could make a huge difference in our communities. Domestic disputes and other calls could be better achl'ved with the help of a trained social worker. And cops should have more mental health resources available (as should healthcare workers). I can vouch how taxing dealing with death every day at work can be. For those with limited coping skills, I can see how easy it could be to lose control of emotions and tempers. Better mental health resources could help decrease and prevent police brutality. And providing more resources to the homeless and improving our schools and education could decrease our crime rates. In the long run I bell've we would save money (and lives!) if we would I'vest more in preventative, nonviolent measures. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$25 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. If you?ve made it this far, thank you for taking this into consideration. I know this has been a rough couple months for everyone and I appreciate all that you do. These have been polarizing times and I'm often saddened by the overwhelming view that only one political side is right. I'm hoping that we as a city and as a state can come together and unify, and find a compromise that benefits everyone. In this case, reallocating some funds typically dedicated to police could benefit'so many different areas, all while still supporting our police with enough money to still do what?s necessary. ☺</p> <p>Sincerely, Amy Nebeker, RN Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/10/2020 14:29	Erica Bindas	<p>Hello, I am a resident of district 4 and I regret that I won't be able to attend the online public comment period tonight, but I would like to urge the council to consider the following adjustments to the proposed FY2021 budget: * Freeze the hiring of new police officers in order to forego the proposed freeze to the victim advocate and social workers. These latter employees focus on improving the well-being of citizens without the use of force, violence, or intimidation. * Decrease the police department budget by at least the 2+ million proposed increase for this year (making FY2020=FY2021), and ideally more like 20-30 million dollars. Many sectors are seeing decreases in budget for FY2021 because of decreased revenue as a result of COVID19, but I would much rather see those cuts come out of the police budget as opposed to public service, sustainability, housing, community+neighborhood development, etc. * I was glad to see the comm'l'ment by the mayor to rise to the challenge set by the Obama Foundation regarding policereform, but I think this is only a small step and I think we need to do more.reform is not the only fix, it has been shown to be unsuccessful in many cities nationwide. While it's a good bandaid, we need to be continually dl'mantling these systems that have been built upon white supremacy and that means defunding them over time and l'vesting in other community resources. Thanks for all that you do! Best, Erica On Tue, Jun 9, 2020 at 2:42 PM Salt Lake City Council &lt;council.comments@slcgov.com &lt;mailto:council.comments@slcgov.com&gt; &gt; wrote: Information on how to participate in tonight's Council meeting has been updated. View this email in your browser &lt;https://mailchl'mp/slcgov.com/news-from-the-city-council-3225214?e=ddf71b03c3&gt; You are receiving this email because you provided input on the proposed Salt Lake City FY2021 Budget. If you wish to no longer receive communications from the Salt Lake City Council regarding this issue, please click here &lt;https://slcgov.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ecf0d6a5933b3483c6020dbe6&amp;id=def84d6816&amp;e=ddf71b03c3&gt; . &lt;https://gallery.mailchimp.com/ecf0d6a5933b3483c6020dbe6/images/c389575e-489a-49a6-b3f7-cb85509b336d.png&gt; &lt;https://mcusercontent.com/ecf0d6a5933b3483c6020dbe6/images/11ba5be9-08a9-4d75-9e02-f559db8275ec.jpg&gt; UPDATE: Information on how to participate in tonight's Council meeting has been updated. Please visit the Council?s virtual meetings page &lt;https://slcgov.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ecf0d6a5933b3483c6020dbe6&amp;id=5d45641a7b&amp;e=ddf71b03c3&gt; to &lt;https://slcgov.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ecf0d6a5933b3483c6020dbe6&amp;id=43579f492f&amp;e=ddf71b03c3&gt; find out how you can listen to today's 3 p.m. work session conversations or participate in the 7 p.m. formal meeting. Please note, call-in information for the 7 p.m. meeting is forthcoming. The Council has postponed the tentative adoption from June 9 to June 16. This provides us more time to consider your feedback, questions, and concerns. 1 of 2 *Continue Below*</p>
6/10/2020 14:29	Erica Bindas	<p><b>2 of 2 *Continued Above*</b> This also allows us to schedule additional discussions for important budget issues, especially related to police, housing, and other items of community concern about race, equity, and justice. Although the budget public hearings are now closed, our formal meetings include a general public comment period. During this time you can comment on any topic for two minutes, including the proposed City budget. The Council values the increased engagement on the budget this year. We thank those involved, especially if you're participating for the first time. *Per State law, the Council has until June 30 to adopt a City budget. Visit the Council?s budget page</p>

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6/10/2020 14:30	Jenna Smith	Hello, My name is Jenna Smith and I am a constituent of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in expanded social services and in the black community of Utah, because BLACK LIVES MATTER. Sincerely, Jenna Smith
6/10/2020 14:31	Elizabeth Hawley	My name is Elizabeth Hawley. I am a resident of SLC. I'm writing in reference to the fiscal budget. We demand the city make cuts to the SLCPD budget in the minimum amount of 30 million dollars and source that towards community based programs for housing, covid response, and food security. As well as freeze any new hiring for the department. we also need to look at education requirements for officers. We can not allow officers to have less education than cosmetologists and barbers, Finland and Norway both require a 3 year degree to work in law enforcement and between both countries have had under 10 fatal shootings over a 15+ year time span. SLC had 19 in 2018. Chief Brown needs to resign. The insensitive self absorbed pride in his Department'shined through during the press conference for Bernardo Palacios. He is more absorbed by the non existent ?competency? of his department than the murder committed. Chief Brown if you do not resign we WILL find a way to have you fired sooner than later. The police officers involved in the execution of Bernardo Palacios need be fired, pension suspended, and CHARGED. Qualified I'munity should not exist here as the unalienable rights, and in the first two instances constitutional rights, of life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness were violated and stolen from a young man while he ran away in fear saying I don't want to die. There is no margin of error when we are discussing someone?s life. If a doctor is proven for malpractice they are outted and lose their license, our police should be held to this standard. I personally don't trust your officers chief brown, especially as first responder. I?d called 911 for an ambulance to my home after a woman was drugged at a bar due to her struggling to breathe. Unnecessarily I was sent officers as well for first response. About three days later I notice one of them in my yard who claims to have left something from that night and asks about my friend. This lead to me being stalked for 6+ months. I never reported this but these things need to come to light. There is evidence out there that backs the success of places that take this route and I ask you all take time to familiarize yourself now. Maybe starting by looking into Camden New Jersey and keeping updated with Minneapolis? plans while listening to the input of our community. In the long run our call for defunding must also focus on the prison industrial complex but I will save that for another day.
6/10/2020 14:39	Jessica Loveland	Hello, My name is Jessica and I am a resident of SLC. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a freezing hire on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because none of my friends should have to worry about their safety when we go out on the streets. We are people of color, we are queer, we are women and men and non-binary, and we should not have to fear the people who we were told, as kids, to keep us safe. The police have not kept us safe. The social contract has been broken. I hope you I'vest the \$30 million into public transportation. We live in a valley prone to I'version. I'vesting in public transportation properly will eventually take cars off the road and provide better air quality for the residents. Sincerely, Jessica L.

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6/10/2020 14:31	Teresa Dyreng	Good Afternoon, My husband and I are residents of Salt Lake County and registered voters. There is a lot of pressure asking for defunding of our police departments. This is a terrifying thought and we ask that you think about the big picture and greater good before making decisions that would put the people of Salt Lake in danger. We bell've that the majority of our police are good, decent people that want to serve and protect the people. We do ask that we work to come up with real, measurable solutions to deal with the police officers that are not, instead of punishing the police that are found the right things. We suggest putting funds toward educating and training our police force. As well as putting practices in place that get the police more involved with the communities they serve. We need our police and they need us. We need to work together, not make emotional decisions. We ask that you consider all the people, not just the ones that make the most noise. Thank you, The Dyreng?s

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6/10/2020 14:37	STELLA RAY	<p>Mayor Mendenhall and City Council Members, My name is Stella Ray, I am a resident of Salt Lake City and a student at the University of Utah. I am writing to you about the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I urge that before the vote on Tuesday, the city'should make significant cuts to the Salt Lake City Police Department by at least 30 million. I suggest these funds be allocated to community-building services and that Mayor Mendenhall maintains a hiring freeze on police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because some of my classmates, friends, students, and people I love have been targeted, harassed, and traumatized by SLCPD throughout their life simply because they are Black or Brown. It pains me to see that a system that is meant to protect has hurt so many in significant and lasting ways. I was disappointed to learn that Black Utah's are more disproportionately killed by the police than any other state (source: Aljazeera America, Mapping Police Violence). This is unacceptable, we owe it to our Black neighbors to do better, to create actionable change, not just make empty statements. We are letting fellow Utah's die of something completely preventable, we must act now. I live with the privilege of being white, and for most of my life, I have trusted the police and felt safe in the presence of police. This is no longer the case. I have seen how they hurt my friends of color, I have seen how they let down Lauren McCluskey and many other survivors of domestic and sexual abuse. I used to think that not all police are bad, but I have come to realize that if there are enough that are bad, and the others allowed that to persist, then we have an entire law enforcement system that is flawed. I began to realize that part of the reason I used to think the police weren't problematic is that I hadn't interacted with them. Police never patrolled my affluent, white neighborhood and they were rarely hanging out in my schools. White, affluent people largely exist in a world without police... and We're doing just fine because we have access to resources and social capital to carry on without law enforcement. As such, I propose that the cuts made to the SLCPD be reallocated to social services, community-building organizations, and educational initiatives. I work at West High School and it pains me to think of how many of these Black and Brown students, children, have been victimized by the police but not given access to proper resources and services. There are wonderful grassroots, homegrown, community organizations that do amazing work in Salt Lake communities and are more deserving of millions of dollars than the SLCPD. We need to fund organizations that focus on community-led solutions that start from the bottom, up. There are gang-violence prevention organizations, community learning centers, refugee services, mental health services led by community members with specific cultural expertise. Each community knows what's best for its people, and I can unequivocally say that more funding to the police is not what's best for any of the various diverse communities in Salt Lake City. Thank you so much for taking the time to listen to your constituents and fellow community members. I hope that you seriously consider our perspectives, experiences, and suggestions. Mayor Mendenhall, I have been impressed with your leadership throughout your unprecedented term in office and I thank you for that, but now I am asking you to do more for Salt Lake City, I'm asking you to use your power to save lives. Thank you, Stella Ray</p>

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6/10/2020 14:40	Sai Parsawar	Hello, My name is Sai Parsawar and I am a resident of Salt Lake City and a student at the University of Utah. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I commented on the last city council meeting and I will again; SLCPD is not keeping your residents safe. You are l'vesting in forces that are disproportionately killing your Black and Brown residents. You are creating a public health crisis by l'vesting in SLCPD rather than social services. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 (or more, I also highly advocate for full abolition!m) million in social workers, public education, transpiration, housing for the houseless population, healthcare, and so much more than the SLCPD. I used to think that we did not have enough money as a city to l'vest in our most vulnerable population, but after seeing the houseless being kicked off the street and brutally treated and then seeing the budget made me realize it's more about poor choices than actual financial allocation. Please, listen to your constituents and cut at least \$30 million from SLCPD. Sincerely, Sai Parsawar
6/10/2020 14:34	Jessica Priano	Hello, My name is Jessica Priano and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I feel that we can move a good chunk of the funds that goes to the current police budget and allocate it to more community based programs. Currently we have police officers handling 911 calls where they have no expertise in and would be better suited for another city person?s profession with that certain background such as homeless matters, emotionally distressed persons, teenage rebellion, and this list can go on. I don't think that we need as much equi'ment and military style weapons that our SLCPD currently has in l'ventory, we are US citizens and do not require a military style police force. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in affordable housing, government sponsored after school programs, rehabilitation sponsorship instead of incarceration, government funded child care, and train and hire professionals to take the place of officers in specific situations that does not require a gun or law enforcement to be present. Call for better schools in lower income neighborhoods and less patrolling in lower income neighborhoods. Also allocate these funds to have outside Investigations on the police force when there is fowl play or complaints from citizens. Sincerely, Jessica Priano
6/10/2020 14:46	Sami Cowan	Hello, My name is Sami Cowan and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because policereform doesn?t work, and we need changes to be made to be on the right side of history. As a teacher, it disgusts me to see education continually lose money, and police receive more. Please make communities safer by allowing more resources, and have people trained to deal with specific types of problems. Clearly, the police cannot be a ?one size fits all,? when it comes to helping our communities. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in food/places to live for the homeless, social workers, mental health, and education. Sincerely, Sami Cowan Sent from my iPhone



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6/10/2020 14:34	Jess Aranda	I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jess Aranda
6/10/2020 14:35	Rachel Urban	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City and an employee of the Salt Lake city'school District. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. I demand funding is spread more fairly to community resources and affordable housing, and particularly education. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Rachel Urban

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6/10/2020 14:35	Russ Tobler	Mr. Dugan, As I watch the council meeting today, I again want to reiterate that all should take careful consideration with regard to the intents and results of defunding the SLCPD . I fully understand that there are many reforms that need to be made yet I wonder how a reduction in funding accomplishes this. As I was one of the victims of the recent aggravated assault you were made aware of, I have had the opportunity to speak with at least a dozen SLCPD officers. Every one of them told me the same thing....they are spread too thin and lack resources. I understand that we are in an extreme moment for law enforcement, but the fact remains that we have experienced massive population growth over the past decade and the budgets and resources for public safety should follow suit. I ask all on the council to consider this: Imagine being a happily married father of two beautiful girls. In a split'second, you have a convicted felon aiming a gun at the back of your head and it's very difficult to describe how surreal that moment becomes. Everything changes. Then imagine the relief as an officer shelters you behind his vehicle and backup rolls in. I promise you this...once a firearm is pointed at your head it forever changes your perspective on how important the men and women that serve and protect us really are. Again, I ask that multiple points of view are taken into consideration when evaluating reform vs budget. Please feel free to share this opinion with the other council members. Sincerely, Russ Tobler
6/10/2020 14:36	Andrea Sline	Dear City Council People, My name is Andrea, and I am a constituent of yours. I live in Sugar House with my husband and our two children and am a teacher at the ----- . I am writing about the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I would like to request that, before the final vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget -- by at least \$30 million -- and reallocate the money to community services. Defunding the police means re-funding social services, and that's how we as a community can actually prevent crime -- not by threats of punishment. Shifting this funding to mental health services, addiction services, veteran services, services for people experiencing homelessness, school lunch programs, after-school programs, and schools themselves would do far more for our city than a bloated punitive system. We all will benefit from this reallocation of resources. Thank you for your time, Andrea Sline Sent from my iPhone Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 14:36	Willm Woods	Do not defund the SLCPD. Your actions thus far have no doubt driven away well-qualified recruits to the suburban departments whose council members actually respect the laws of the state of Utah. The Salt Lake City Council has historically shown its inability to govern with regard to public safety issues, which is why the state was forced to intervene on the homeless issue. You folks may do well on issues of street improvement and parks, but your stance on public safety is just wrong, in my opinion Willm Woods
6/10/2020 14:37	Xenia Maritsas	Hello Council, I am writing to demand that you listen to the voices of the people and defund the SLCPD by AT LEAST 30 million dollars. I hope to see these funds reallocated into education (specifically Title 1 schools) and community resources in our diverse and low-income communities. Thank you for your time. Xenia Maritsas

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6/10/2020 14:46	Tatiana Christian	Hello, I received an e-mail from you yesterday that said this: "This also allows us to schedule additional discussions for important budget issues, especially related to police, housing, and other items of community concern about race, equity, and justice." I actually don't know what *any* of this means. During the call a week or so ago, callers commented on how bored everyone from the Council, including the Mayor, looked as we aired our concerns. Why do you need more time? Why is this even up for debate? Did you think people would lose interest? This whole thing is such a farce. Listen to us and take 30 million dollars from the police and give it to the community. The police aren't important. They don't deserve to exist. They just drive around Salt Lake looking for things to do. Defund them. Take more than 30 million dollars from them. This shouldn't even be a question! Defund the police NOW. Or both the City Council and the Mayor are in service to white supremacy. And you should at least admit that instead of wasting our time. - Tatiana
6/10/2020 14:41	Cade McAllister	Hello, My name is Cade McAllister and I am a student in Utah. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe these funds could be better used by programs that actually decrease crime, not just police it. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million housing, healthcare, homelessness, mental health programs, schools and many other useful programs. Sincerely, Cade McAllister
6/10/2020 14:39	Quinn Graves	Hello, My name is Quinn Graves and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. Today, I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million dollars, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because, as research has shown, the police usually cause more harm than good in communities, especially communities of color. As a society, we need to invest in social programs and community building, not policing. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in affordable housing programs, public education, social work, and community care. The police cannot be reformed. This has been tried many times and it never works. Instead, defund the SLCPD and fund community care! Sincerely, Quinn Graves

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6/10/2020 14:43	Priyanka Mathews	Hello, As a resident of Salt Lake, I would like to express my concern in the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. Over the past few days we have seen that having large amounts of money directed to the police department can lead to many negative consequences and even disaster, such as the George Floyd incident. This is completely unacceptable, and the easiest way to change this is to make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget. The budget is a mirror of our values as a city; what we value more is what we will fund more. Personally, as a citizen, I value countless other things over the misuse of police funds for unnecessary items; some examples of things that could be done with money defunded from the police are increasing input into schools for our children, rent relief, and other community funds that will prevent the problems instead of trying to control them. Additionally, SLCPD and Utah as a whole have unacceptable numbers regarding racial killings; according to Aljazeera America at Mapping Police Violence, Black People in Utah are more disproportionately killed by the police than any other state. Once again this is unacceptable and doesn't seem to represent the true values of the state that I love. Of course, a future such as Minneapolis has posed without police would be ideal; in this situation people with more specialized training could be dispatched depending on the situation. I hope that as a city we can someday reach that point, which would be infinitely better than our current system based on systematic racism. But the minimum that must be done is the \$30 million defunding of the police; please do this so that your future can look as bright as our values are. Thank you so much for your time, Priyanka Mathews
6/10/2020 14:45	Piper Samuelson	Hello, My name is Piper Samuelson and I am a Resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because \$30 million dollars is being used to fund a system that doesn't protect everyone, in which it should. That \$30 mil should be used for the people, and not its oppressor! I hope instead, you invest \$30 million into education (20% raise for all teachers)! Sincerely, Piper Samuelson! Piper Samuelson
6/10/2020 14:38	Jessica Priano	Hello, My name is Jessica Priano and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I feel that we can move a good chunk of the funds that goes to the current police budget and allocate it to more community based programs. Currently we have police officers handling 911 calls where they have no expertise in and would be better suited for another city person's profession with that certain background such as homeless matters, emotionally distressed persons, teenage rebellion, and this list can go on. I don't think that we need as much equipment and military style weapons that our SLCPD currently has in inventory, we are US citizens and do not require a military style police force. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in affordable housing, government sponsored after school programs, rehabilitation sponsorship instead of incarceration, government funded child care, and train and hire professionals to take the place of officers in specific situations that does not require a gun or law enforcement to be present. Call for better schools in lower income neighborhoods and less patrolling in lower income neighborhoods. Also allocate these funds to have outside investigations on the police force when there is foul play or complaints from citizens. Sincerely, Jessica Priano

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6/10/2020 14:42	Ashlyn Harper	<p>Good Evening Mayor and Council, I am emailing you in regards to the petitioners, protesters, and rioters asking for the police to be defunded. It has come to my attention that doing so would be more harmful to our society than beneficial. I have come up with a couple of solutions to help with racl'm in the police force rather than taking their money. Being a police officer requires a lot of money for all of their equ'l'ment like their guns, sticks, tasers, vests, uniforms, cars, etc. It costs money and they also need to make a living to support their families as well. By taking that away that will require that police officers get let go from their jobs and our streets become more chaotic and crime rates will inevitably rise. Especially in Salt Lake County since it is one of Utah's largest counties with having around 70 zip codes and roughly 1 million people living in that county alone. As I stated earlier I had a few rough ideas that I bell've will help with the protesters, rioters, and petitioners while keeping all the funds for the police. 1). Require that EVERY officer has a partner with them at ALL times. I have noticed that in almost every single police car there is usually only one officer in it pulling people over, etc. By requiring them to have a partner and someone else with them at all times, they will be held more accountable for their actions. 2). Require that they wear a body cam at all times and that they MUST have it on for any interaction they have while on duty. 3).By requiring them to have a partner at all times I bell've we can find a way to cut down the spending on having police cars. Every partnership should have 1 car that is kept on police grounds or legal grounds and meant only for work. By doing so that will cut costs down making room for the money to go elsewhere in the police or outside if needed. 4). Requiring more training or procedures during academy to make sure the officers are 100% prepared for their duty is never a bad idea. Make sure they know the laws they are representing and that they know to leave their bias at the door. I bell've a lot more people will be more calm around the police if they know this is being done. Again, those are just some rough ideas that need more planning and preparation. However, I bell've with all my being that if the police are cut then anarchy will break loose and everyone's lives will be in danger. I appreciate your time to read and consider this. Please let me know if there is any clarification that I can give. I am always happy to help where I can. Thank you, Ashlyn Harper</p>

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6/10/2020 14:45	Athena Schwartz	Good evening, My name is Athena and I am a resident of Salt Lake City and have been for 9 years. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. While I encourage you to completely defund the police, I understand that may not be an option at this time. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. I encourage you to redirect this money to schools, hospitals, and/or homeless communities. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. I'd love to speak with you more on this issue and hear your opinions. Thank you for your time, Athena Schwartz
6/10/2020 14:40	Ashley Kraft	Hello, My name is Ashley Kraft and I am a constituent of yours as a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that the city council do the work of researching and educating themselves on the war on drugs in Portugal and push to defund the war on drugs and leave nonviolent drug users to the mental health/ addiction specialists. This would free up police for violent offenders and restructure our society to have the result of Portugal, which resulted in reduced drug use. By doing this it would reduce unnecessary police interaction with Black and Brown communities and reverse other problems the drug war created such as mass incarceration and unfair policing of black and brown communities. I demand those funds whether from the war on drugs, or for police to enforce it be reallocated into the community for mental health, drug addiction experts and rehabilitation, and child protection services. Thank you so much for your time.

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6/10/2020 14:40	Ashley Rolfe	Amy, I have reviewed the cities proposed 20-21 budget. As a Salt Lake City resident and a resident of district 7, I reject the proposed budget for the SLCPD. I would like to see a \$30 million decrease in the SLCPD's budget. I think these should be used to better the people, children and families in Salt Lake. Some ideas: healthcare, education, housing, and resources for small business who have lost revenue due to the pandemic. In my studies at the University of Utah I was an elementary education major - I chose not to pursue a career in education upon graduating because our teachers are so under paid and over worked, imagine what even a portion of a 30 million dollar I'vestment into education in our city could do! I currently work as a realtor and have personally seen as Utah residents lose the American dream of homeownership due to lack of affordable housing in our city. An I'vestment in housing would also be a much better place for these funds. I also bell've you MUST put a hiring freeze on the SLCPD for a minimum of 1 year. The police force is well staffed as is. Considering recent events; hiring now would serve as an open call for racist individuals who wish to cause harm to join. Many companies are holding on hiring now as well, I do not see this as an unreasonable request. I voted for you because I bell've you love Salt Lake City the way I do. Policing in this country needs to change and Salt Lake could be at the start of something great, a real change to systemic racl'm in the US. I sincerely hope you will take my thoughts into account and work with the city council and mayor on an improved budget with a reallocation of 30 million of the SLCPD's budget, there are better places to spend our tax dollars! I was happy to hear you speak out strongly about the murder of Bernardo Palacios and hope you will be the same voice regarding policereform and funding in salt lake. Ashley Rolfe
6/10/2020 14:40	Rachel Froelich	Hello, My name is Rachel and I am a resident of Park City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because [INSERT WHATS IMPORTANT TO YOU OR DELETE SENTENCE]. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in [INSERT WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE I'veSTED IN OR DELETE SENTENCE]. Sincerely, [FULL NAME] Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 14:41	Pari Kemmick	I am writing in with my public comment on the virtual public meeting happening tomorrow on the SLC city budget. The Salt Lake City Police Department has proposed an increase to its budget. In light of the current situation that is taking over our country, this is UNACCEPTABLE. There is little to no accountability on our city in relation to police violence. Police have gotten away with murder time and time again and it is disgusting. If anything, they need a budget decrease as well as a hiring freeze. We need major policereform in this country. This current system is violent, overly militarized and values property over human lives. You cannot get lives back, but you can rebuild buildings and most certainly systems. We want community control and we will not rest until that becomes a reality. Black people in this country have been asking for this for 400 years. I am writing to demand a \$30 million budget cut and a hiring freeze on any new police officers in the fiscal year. I would love to instead see this money I'vested into refugee services, I'migration services, our UNDERFUNDED schools, mental health services, racial bias training for all city employees and more. Please please make the right decision here. NO JUSTICE NO PEACE.



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6/10/2020 14:46	Audra Woolstenhulme	Hello, My name is Audra Woolstenhulme and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am tired of innocent people being assaulted and killed by the police, funding going to the militarization of police instead of schools and other community resources. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in public education, homelessness and mental health services . Sincerely, Audra Woolstenhulme Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 14:42	Ashley Walton	Mayor Mendenhall and City Council, My name is Ashley Walton, and I live in the Avenues in Salt Lake City. I'm emailing you in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city cut at least \$30 million from the SLCPD budget and maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Studies show that communities that cut police budgets and I've in communities flourish and experience less violence and crime. You can follow suit of cities around the United States that are drastically cutting (or in the case of Minneapolis completely abolishing) the budget for the police. This is an opportunity to do the right thing, to make a difference, and to challenge our assumptions for how we need to approach public safety. I bell've in I've investing in education, community safety programs, drug rehabilitation programs, resources for people experiencing homelessness, and medical resources (especially COVID-19 resources and testing). Thank you, Ashley Walton
6/10/2020 14:51	Renato Olmedo-González	Hello, My name is Renato Olmedo-González and I am a resident of the 9th & 9th neighborhood in Salt Lake City. I am also proud to work in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. As a Mexican I'migrant who deeply cares about social and racial justice in our community, this is something that is extremely important to me. Moreover, it is the duty of you, my elected officials, to govern in a way that is fair, equitable, and more importantly, JUST. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in community-based outreach, resources, housing, the arts, and youth programs. I truly bell've I've investing in our community through these methods, rather than persecute them and police them, is an important way in which we can'truly achI've a fair and just society. Sincerely, Renato Olmedo-González Enviado desde mi iPhone
6/10/2020 15:27	Carly Carlson	Hello, My name is Carly Carlsonand I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in education, child welfare and mental health services. Sincerely, Carly Carlson Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 14:47	Augi Leona	I am a resident of Davis County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, August S.
6/10/2020 14:50	Ayla Castano	Hello, My name is Ayla Castano and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because research clearly indicates that the safest communities don't have the highest police presence, they have the most resources for residents. I hope instead, you will I'vest \$30 million into social services such as rent relief, healthcare, therapy, and education for underserved communities. Sincerely, Ayla Castano
6/10/2020 14:42	Jessica McDermott	Hello, My name is Jessa, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education and housing. Sincerely, Jessa McDermott
6/9/2020 17:40	Juliana Van Hook	Hello, My name is Juliana Van Hook and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I bell've this change in the structure of law enforcement will be highly beneficial to all members of the Salt Lake City community. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Juliana Van Hook

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6/9/2020 17:42	Julie Deemer	I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, [YOUR NAME] [YOUR ADDRESS] [YOUR EMAIL] [YOUR PHONE NUMBER] Sent from my iPhone
6/9/2020 17:47	Michael Bogdal	Hello, My name is Michael Bogdal and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I truly bell've the city can become a source of inspiration for many to continue the fight against injustice and police brutality. it's starts with giving the correct resources to its people. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million back into the schools, medical insurance, mental health programs, etc. Sincerely, Michael Bogdal

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6/9/2020 18:50	Megan Wenzl	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council reduce funding to the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Megan Wenzl
6/9/2020 18:55	Megan Hanshaw	Hello, My name is Megan Hanshaw and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because Utah disproportionately having more killings of Black people by police officers compared to any other state is inexcusable, and shows that change on a systematic level is needed in order to make our community safer for all. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in community mental health/substance use services, public education, rental assistance relief to support those impacted by COVID19. Sincerely, Megan Deanna Hanshaw

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6/9/2020 20:30	Mckelle Trawick	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, McKelle Trawick
6/9/2020 20:52	Maureen Bell	Hello, My name is Maureen Bell and I live and work in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I work with children in mental health. I work with low income families. They need assistance and resources in the community, I'vestment in education and our future. We should not have to worry that our dark skinned brothers and daughters are going to be unjustly stopped, beaten, arrested, or murdered. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education and housing. Sincerely, Maureen Bell

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6/9/2020 20:58	Matthew Kastellec	<p>Dear Council Members and Mayor I am a resident of District 3. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black and Brown people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Money would be better served creating affordable housing solutions, serving the homeless, funding our schools, and preserving our outdoor resources. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Matthew Kastellec</p>
6/9/2020 21:00	Martin Theisen	<p>I am a resident of District 3. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Martin Theisen Salt Lake City</p>

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6/10/2020 14:03	Robinson Vought	Hello, I'm a resident of district 1. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Robinson Vought
6/10/2020 8:09	Zahra Saiffee	Hello, My name is Zahra Saiffee. I am a resident of Salt Lake City and currently attending the University of Utah. I am emailing in regard to SLC's proposed budget for 2020-2021. Our current police force is grossly overfunded. I demand that before the final vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million and reallocate the money to community services. The mayor's should also maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is crucial to uplifting the marginalized folks in our community, and bolstering institutions that actually help people. I would like to see the money I've investing in housing and transportation solutions to make SLC a more just community. Sincerely, -- Zahra Saiffee she/her/hers
6/10/2020 10:41	Monica Peterson	We need our policemen. please do not defund them!



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6/10/2020 11:21	Frankie Jill Larsen	To Whom It May Concern, My name is Frankie Jill Larsen. I have been a resident of Utah for 32 years, ranging from Utah County to Weber County. I am emailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote is called for, the city must make drastic cuts to the SLPD's budget by at least \$30 million and re-allocate that money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is very important, not only to me but my peers, my family and my community. We have had enough of the over funding and militarization of the police force. The police no longer protect and serve. They use their power for their own personal benefit while oppressing those they supposedly help. We are sick and tired of watching people being viciously murdered by those who are sworn to protect them. It is exhausting to watch as people have to stand by because they are too scared to de-escalate situations of police brutality. it'should not be shoot first instead of de-escalate out of instinct. The tactics police are being taught are a gross mishandling of justice. Police force should not be militarized and used on our civilians. I suggest instead, you I'vest that money into building more homeless shelters, especially for abused women and children. I suggest instead, you I'vest that money into a mental health program which can handle situations with better solutions than violence and/or arresting those in need of help I suggest instead, we use this one to mend those who are in need, not continue to put them in more dire situations that are impossible to get out of. Thank you for your time. I hope you consider this uprising of the people as a sign that we will not be silenced. It is time to represent the people. It is time to serve the people. Sincerely, Frankie Larsen
6/10/2020 11:41	Ian Burningham	Hello, My name is Ian Burningham and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by AT LEAST 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because BLACK LIVES MATTER. Sincerely, Ian Burningham Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 12:10	Grace Fahey	Hello, My name is Grace and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we need better resources for minorities and we need to stop the abusive power of the police department!!!! We can't justreform the police, we need toreform the system!! I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in social services and education!!! Sincerely, Grace Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 12:41	Hana Gottlieb	I am a resident of Sugar House. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Hana Gottlieb
6/10/2020 12:43	Hanna Peterson	Hello, My name is Hanna Peterson and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because Utah must take action against the justice and oppression our country was founded on. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into healthcare and social workers and psychologists! Sincerely, Hanna Peterson From Hanna Peterson
6/10/2020 12:44	Hannah Barrett	Hello, My name is Hannah Barrett and i am a resident of Salt Lake City I am reaching out in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. We do not need to allocate more money to SLDPD to further militarize them, especially given the political climate in the country right now. I hope instead you I'vest the \$30 million into our schools, health care, and homeless shelters that in return will actually help reduce crime over time. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Hannah Barrett

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6/10/2020 11:43	Angela Parkinson	<p>Dear Mayor Mendenhall, and members of the Council, I am a resident of District 3 in Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Angela Parkinson</p>
6/10/2020 11:45	Aaron Maretsky	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time</p>

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6/10/2020 11:43	Hillary Thacker	Hello, My name is Hillary Thacker and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because of the epidemic of police brutality our state experiences, killing family friends, such as Zane James. You should cut this funding and demilitarize police because they lack the proper training and psychological evaluation in order to be fit to handle that lethal weaponry responsibly. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in our schools providing us with more teachers, supplies and better education for all of our students regardless of race, religion, gender, or sexual preference. Sincerely, Hillary Thacker Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 11:47	Abbey Michelle Lindquist	Hello, My name is Abbey Michelle Lindquist and I am a resident of, worker, and student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year, in order to re-evaluate educational requirements, training longevity, and accountability held by police officers. This is important to me because I bell've we have the ability and the NEED, now more than ever, for a drastic change in the structure of our funding, law enforcement training, education, and legal accountability here in Salt Lake City. While such a drastic move may seem very unfavorable to the SLCPD, I bell've it will be fundamentally MORE favorable to them in terms of allocating funds and responsibilities elsewhere; in order to not only reduce the work/ stress load of which they are required to carry, but also in terms of a greater sense of responsibility (alongside the appropriate education and training) to assist them in properly enforcing the law, and protecting our community in circumstances that they are more equipped to handle civilly. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into our public school systems, providing nurses, social workers, and psychologists to those who desperately need them. We have gone too long protecting the interests of our police departments over the lives/ well-being of those who would be drastically changed by rel'vestments into our community, mental health services, and social service programs. Please hear our demands as a cry for help andreform to the currently and inherently damaging system we have allowed for far too long. You have the ability to make historical change in bettering our community, so please, take this step- listen to the people- and provide them with the resources for a better, safer, and happier, life here in Salt Lake City. Sincerely, Abbey Michelle Lindquist
6/10/2020 11:53	Adam Jenkins	Hello, My name is Adam Jenkins and I am a RESIDENT, STUDENT IN Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our communities need help and our police are overfunded and that?s dangerous to me. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in community projects, better housing for the homeless, better schooling and tools for struggling communities in the valley. Sincerely, Adam Jenkins Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 12:38	Aleesha Owens	<p>Salt Lake City Council, I realize I didn't present any proposals in my initial email. While I sent the first email for the council to consider the gravity of their decision, I feel it my duty as a citizen to present potential solutions as well. Here are some things to consider: Review officers who may have a high number of complaints against them. -As in any job, work performance is evaluated especially when considering bonuses and/or promotions. If there are officers who have performance issues, send them to a mandatory two month -or however long- training and put them in a considerable probationary period until they clean up their act. Give the police more money. - This may sound ludacris given the fact it goes against the main topic in general. However, if the police have more money, they won't be stretched as thin. Meaning, they would be less tired, allowing them to react appropriately. More people will volunteer because it's a good career. Hire based on background checks- while ensuring questionable background checks aren't brushed under the rug. There would also be more money for proper de-escalation training. Also, more money for training how to safely handle the public in general. For the most part, people are good. Including police. Let's learn to give people the benefit of the doubt. Realize, no matter who would replace police- if it came to that- they'll end up running into the same issues. Will there be a cry to dI'mantle every system of order? Thank you again for considering this email. Aleesha Owens</p>
6/10/2020 12:39	Aleesha Owens	<p>Salt Lake City Council, May I first respectfully ask what's happening with our state? *Mind you, I'm getting my information from media outlets and they may not be relaying your messages correctly. * I just saw a news article mentioning Salt Lake as another city considering defunding the police by 30 million dollars or eliminating it completely. Reflect with me for a moment if you will... Have you ever noticed the loudest criers are those who generally tend to cause problems in the first place? they're generally representing the minority. We are all upset about what we saw happen on May 25th. It was completely heartbreaking. Those responsible are getting consequences put on them appropriate to their level of participation. I'd ask you to think back on the Bell city'scandal in California and relate it to this situation. The mayor along with four city council members were found to be corrupt and they were charged and arrested. Because of a few bad eggs there, does that mean we should hold a new protest to defund and disband all city councils, including your lot in Salt Lake? I would say no, but the message being sent about defunding police and not politicians is leaving me confused. don't we attempt to teach our children to set examples and think logically even in the midst of affliction? What about not giving in to peer pressure? Look to yourselves in this moment and ask what you're doing as you make this decision. Are you leading? Or are you following? Are you considering this decision for votes? Let me tell you, if that's the case, I'll use a version of the word used by the city council in the response to the recent shooting of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal...outrageous. While it's a tragic loss, were you there? Did you see the full encounter? Was your life potentially at risk? Or, were you aware of Mr. Bernardo's every intention and- though he had a weapon- knew the officers would never be fired upon or at risk in any way? <b>1 of 2 *Continued Below*</b></p>

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6/10/2020 12:39	Aleesha Owens	<b>2 of 2 *Continued Above*</b> I can highly guarantee you were home, safe and sound with your families. You remained safe another day because these other human beings signed up to put their lives on the line for the community...are you willing to spend a moment in their shoes? Because unless you can say you'll be willing to patrol the streets every night, you'll handle the domestic disputes of which we just lost an Ogden Police Officer - Nate Lyday- do you remember him? Why is there no protest happening for his untimely death? If you will be willing to handle dangerous drug worlds, be on scene for accidents, overdoses, murders, you get the point...I would highly urge you to reconsider this notion of defunding a system that is already not paid enough. We are all humans. Not a single one of us is perfect. don't allow the 1% to ruin the lives of not only the 99% but the future safety of this country. Use your heads. What would replace trained police officers? We are a violent country, I fear the decision to defund or disband will only contribute to that. What do you want to be known for when you leave this life? Someone who made decisions to get a vote? Or someone who made the right decision even though you may have felt isolated afterward. How do you think the officers feel right now? I'm sure they have never felt more alone than they do now. And yet, they're still serving us. What does that tell you? I do not envy the position you're in and I'm grateful to your service as well. Just please...make the right choice and not one based on raw emotions. Thank you for considering this email in your decision. Have a great day and stay safe out there! Aleesha Owens
6/10/2020 11:48	Abby Jarman	Hello, My name is Abby Jarman and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've our community is more in need of this money than the SLCPD. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public schools, more homeless shelters, and public parks. Sincerely, Abby Jarman Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 14:10	Magda Fox	we cannot afford to cut our budget for Salt lake city police department. If anything we need more well trained police officers in those uncertain times when we dont feel safe, before the citizens start taking matters in their own hands, which would be the wirst as we have seen during those protest. we need more police officers, nurses and teachers. sincerely Magda Fox
6/10/2020 11:46	Aaron Wood	Dear City Council, My name is Aaron Wood. I am a resident of Salt Lake City and a worker in Salt Lake City. In the I'mediate future, I call on the City Council: 1. To implement a hiring freeze on Salt Lake City Police Officers 2. To decrease the funding this fiscal for the Salt Lake City Police Department by **\$30 million at a MINIMUM** 3. To redirect the funding into community services: especially housing and education 4. To resolve to not reinstitute the curfew that existed for the reason of stifling the right to assemble 5. To I'mediate release all people arrested for violating the curfew 6. To I'mediate fire the officers responsible for killing Bernardo Palacios Carbajal 7. To I'mediate fire Chief Mike Brown In the long-term, I call on the City Council: 1. To continue to defund the Police Department and redirect funds to community services that actually make our community healthier and safer 2. To prioritize housing, education, health, mental health in the city budget 3. To resolve to not implement destined-to-fail policingreforms, but to replace policing entirely with community-oriented services Thank you, Dr. Aaron Wood, PhD

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6/10/2020 11:52	Abi Howard	Hello, My name is Abigail Howard and I am a resident Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because it is clear that we need to a shift happen in our city and in our country. I bell've that taking some money from the police budget and instead putting it towards community improvement would be a positive change and could benefit the generations after me. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million into education, health research, paying teachers better, healthcare for vulnerable groups, foster care, etc. Even putting the money towards creating a more extensive and difficult process to become a policeman, more similar to getting a bachelors degree rather than going to a trade school. This will result in weeding out those who are not cut out for the position. Sincerely, Abigail Howard Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 12:12	Grace Nelly	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Grace-Nelly Tshitoko



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6/10/2020 12:17	Stu Strock	Hello, My name is Stuart Strock, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. I plead -- I demand -- that the proposed budget be changed before the final vote to cut SLCPD's proposed budget allocation by no less than \$30 million, and for those funds to be reallocated to community services, public health services, and education. I also demand that the mayor initiate and maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers for the duration of the coming fiscal year. This is important to me and your other constituents because police absorb a tremendous proportion of nearly every jurisdiction's budget across the US, Salt Lake City included. It is important because the police are used as a catch-all for innumerable social services that they are not trained for, and do not possess the demeanor for. It is important because the police have lost the consent of us, the governed, by repeatedly denying us our rights to life, liberty, and due process. I do not need to lecture you on the origins and history of the police in the US -- you should not need to be reminded that they exist as an expansion of slave catchers, union busters, and hired enforcers of the powerful against the powerless. We can do better for our community. Together, we can build a system that genuinely assists those in need, with fellow people from their own communities who are qualified and willing to help in their moments of need -- without carrying guns and other tools of violence. Thank you for your time.
6/10/2020 12:37	synnove price-huish	Hello, My name is synnove Price-Huish and I am a Student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal. This is important to me because I bell've the funding can be better used to improve the more dangerous neighborhoods in salt lake and by doing so it would make them less dangerous. It would also provide a better future for people in Utah. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in improving more dangerous neighborhoods in salt lake. Sincerely, Synnove Price-Huish Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 13:19	Sara Bickford	Hello, My name is Sara Bickford and I am resident Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've the police are in place to assist people not act as the biggest gang in America. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in healthcare for those who can't afford it, more housing for the homeless ( whom the police harass on a daily basis, maybe instead of destroying their belongings they can help them with food, shelter, and hygiene.), I also think we can use this money toward environmental research on ways to make our air quality better. Sincerely, Sara Bickford Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 12:33	Savannah Nord	Hello, My name is Savannah Nord and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in literally anything else, maybe the environment. Sincerely, Savannah Nord Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 13:02	Kevin Schofield	Dear Salt Lake City Council Members, I am writing you concerning the press releases I have seen concerning the Police Department's budget possibly being cut. This is obviously of great concern to me as I am a police officer with the Salt Lake City Police Department. I would like to know what you hoping to accomplish by doing this. Is it a punitive move towards the police department? Do you honestly think the city will be safer with fewer police officers, or with police officers who are now making less money, or with police officers who would have inferior equi'ment, or who not been properly trained? I know there is a national movement to defund, downsize, or flat out abolish police departments. But, I would like you to know that there are many citizens who appreciate the service we provide and who understand that the actions of Minneapolis Police Department does not represent the Salt Lake City Police Department. Please reconsider your thoughts of slashing our budget to the point that there are layoffs, wage reductions, lost training opportunities, or unable to get proper equi'ment to keep citizens and officers safe. Also, please allow due process and the justice system to run it's course before officers are tried and convicted in the court of your public opinion. Very Respectfully, Kevin Schofield Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5497 Cell: 801.330.1917
6/10/2020 13:13	Kevin Pinegar	Thank you for waiting to take more comments. I hope the City will consider redirecting some budget from ?law enforcement? to social equality and economic development projects that will assist in areas that will improve our city and community?s comml'ment to diversity and inclusion. Kevin Kevin Pinegar
6/10/2020 13:59	Rosemary phillips	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Rosemary Phillips Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 12:32	Adrion Garcia	I am a resident of The Salt Lake Valley. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Adrion Garcia Thank you.
6/10/2020 12:35	Alan Hernandez	Hello, I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving \$23,248,016 and transit is receiving \$4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Alan Hernandez

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6/10/2020 13:22	Allie Nannini	Hello, My name is Allie Nannini and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into education, community building and other services that better provide help and assistance. We also must I'vest in healthcare workers as the Covid pandemic is still prevalent and dangerous to our healthcare heroes, who are struggling to maintain PPE. We must not become a complicit city in this time of country-wide changes. We have already been called out for inappropriate policing during the first day of protests alone (the elderly man waiting for the bus, who was pushed down and ignored by the majority of other officers as he struggled to get back up). That could have been a lot worse for that man; the similarities to the same thing happening in Buffalo is too close for comfort. Salt Lake City has come so far in recent years in terms of inclusion and diversity, but we still have a lot more work to do. We have set the tone for the rest of Utah. We are better than this. We MUST be better than this. Sincerely, Allie Nannini
6/10/2020 13:35	Amber Jenson	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Amber Eyring
6/10/2020 12:43	Alexander Lee	Hola, My name is Alexander Lee and I own and operate _____(I fl'ed you two weeks ago for Tree Utah and we had a little chat). I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because my company and our clients depend on local community based sponsorship to advocate for the underserved in the Salt Lake Valley. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in mental health professionals, social workers, the arts, and education. Sincerely, Alexander Lee

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6/10/2020 12:47	Ali North	Hello, My name is Alison North and I am a resident and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we having been defunding our education system for years and we need more options for mental health and community building programs. Please reconsider how you are using OUR tax dollars and give back to the community you are here to serve. Sincerely, Alison North Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 12:41	Alex Owens-Baird	Hello, My name is Alex and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I wonder what this country would look like if we hadn't defunded education for so long? Perhaps we funded institutions that push people up instead of ones that push people down down... I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. What you see in the police force in any state is an organization that has become to powerful. There is no accountability, there are no consequences, and finally the honest trust is that they are there to protect themselves at the end of the day. Unfortunately based on implied l'munity and other factors/laws it's hard to change their rights and power...so the objective is clear - Let's just de-fund them. Sincerely, Alex Owens-Baird Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 12:46	Alexis Betz	Hello, My name is Alexis Betz and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city does not make drastic cuts to the SLCPD. This is important to me because I have firsthand witnessed the critical need for a strong, well trained, civically engaged local police department. I hope that you bell've in the future of the SLCPD along with quality training for fellow officers. Sincerely, Alexis Betz
6/10/2020 14:32	Amanda Esko	Good Morning Concilperson Fowler, My name is Amanda Esko, and I am a constituent in your district. I am emailing you in regards to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before a final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's police budget, and reallocate those resource to social services. I also demand a hiring freeze on any new police officers for the rest of this fiscal year. This is a humanitarian issue, handled inhumanely by a militarized police force. Our BIPOC are dying in our streets, disenfranchised by systemic rac'l'm, and this budget props up a failing system. Let's start in SLC by reevaluating how our money is spent and put it where it can make a difference in our communities; access to food, housing, and healthcare. As the Director -----, this is a moral issue. Continuing to fund our broken police Department'system is l'moral. Thank you for considering my request. In Peace, Amanda Esko

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6/10/2020 12:45	alexis ledezma	Hello, My name is Alexis Ledezma and I have been living in the valley for over 20 years. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there is so much implicit and external bias that makes it so people who look like me are illegally detained and questioned by police. In 2014 I saw 10 officers beat an elderly black man who was handcuffed and was sitting on the ground for nothing. it started with 2 cops who called and got their buddies to come so they could all have a turn. One officer saw I was about to record and pulled out his gun on me and told me I didn't see anything. Who do we call when we see these injustices? I've been pulled over wearing Disney shirts listening to Celine Dion or pop girlbands and questioned and almost illegally searched for gang activity simply because of my skin color. There shouldn't be a death sentence because someone's implicit bias clouds their judgement on things outside of civilian controls like their ethnicity or the speculations by the police of what a criminal looks like. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in social workers and programs that can de escalate without violence and provide resources to those in need. I've in training for elected officials and first responders to take mandatory training on implicit bias, discrimination, and understanding how they can help disfranchised communities. sincerely, Alexis Ledezma
6/10/2020 13:36	Amber Pearson	I am a resident of North Salt Lake City, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Amber Pearson

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6/10/2020 12:46	Regina Dezbah	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the LAPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Regina Dezbah</p>



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6/10/2020 12:49	Lisa Wooldridge	<p>Dear Councilwoman Fowler, I am writing to you to urge you not to cut any funding for our Salt Lake City Police Department. Considering the events of the last few weeks you may be inclined to make budget cuts, that would be a mistake. Our City needs the professional hard-working men and women of Salt Lake City PD. Our officers have done an amazing job with the unprecedented riots and protests of the last week. I do not think that you as council members could handle having water bottles, rocks, hit in the head by a bat, profanity, and spiting, with the grace that our force has endured. Our Police Officers work hard to keep our communities safe. I know a good portion of Salt Lake city's revenue comes from tourl'm. Most tourists do not want to visit a city where there are homeless camps along the streets, with human feces, and drug users passed out Many of these officers get discouraged when they make arrests and see that the person, they just had arrested practically make it back downtown before the officer. I am a spouse of a Police Sergeant who has been on the force for three decades. My father was in Law Enforcement and I have a child in Law Enforcement. My husband is almost never off duty. He was first on the scene with a domestic violence situation in our neighborhood when some Elders saw a situation and there was a backlog. He has recovered property from juvenile porch pirates in our neighborhood. Rarely does he ever get home on time at the end of his shift because he spots stolen cars, prowlers, or some other issue on his way home. I am sure that you do not deal with the stress involved with being in a Law Enforcement family, like having anarchists trying to find your address. Hoping and praying that the anarchist will not throw a Molotov cocktail through our window. Or worried if my husband has arrested any of our children?s classmate?s families. Afraid of any repercussions at a school function or directed at our children. I do not know if you have ever sat with an officer to see what they go through in their shift. If not, maybe you should. I know that lately, the squeaky wheels have voiced their hate towards Law Enforcement, lately, wanting to defund and eliminate Police Departments. Law Enforcement Officers have become the most monitored profession. Pretty much all officers wear a body camera and there are always individuals at the call who have their cell phones videotaping every interaction. Officers never know what each call would bring if someone had a knife, gun, or any other weapon, but all individuals know what Officers carry. Officers sometimes make mistakes, but they are one of the only professions that make split'second decisions that affect whether they go home after their shift to their families or not. In the last week just monitoring social media, I noticed that a friend living near the Capitol was scared to death with the Protesters/Rioters called the 911 and weren?t able to get reassurance that she would get help. Westside/Rose Park noting they were hearing shots fired, and I am sure that they were not getting too much of a response because most of the force was utilized downtown. I am positive with any budget cuts to the Police Department, that you will be getting calls from your constituents when there are shots fired in a neighborhood and there is no one to l'vestigate. Homeless setting up their camps all over downtown, tourist tramping in human feces and drug addicts passed out on the sidewalk. Not a pretty sight. Please do not cut any of the budgets for our Officers. Sincerely, Lisa Wooldridge Rose Park</p>
6/10/2020 13:36	Isabel Tapia	<p>Hello, My name is Isabel and I am a RESIDENT OF Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me as I bell've We as a community should always stick together. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in schools as it definitely needs to be worked on. Sincerely, Isabel Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/10/2020 13:09	Hayley Chaffee	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, [YOUR NAME] [YOUR ADDRESS] [YOUR EMAIL] [YOUR PHONE NUMBER] Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 13:15	shae wright	Hello, My name is Shae Wright and I am a resident and nursing student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I am here to support the idea that SLC can be a leader of changes that need to be made by this country and encourage that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also hope that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I'm tired of bandaiding the problem and would like to begin the true work of healing the root of this issue. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in preventative methods that will help those who have been oppressed for so long to finally build an equitable future which benefits us all. I have no doubt that you, Erin Mendenhall, are the right woman for us in this unique time. Sincerely, Shae Wright Sent on the run
6/10/2020 13:25	Sarah Palazzolo	Hello, My name is Sarah Palazzolo and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the police force needs time to figure out how they can help the community better and we need to figure out how to help them more. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into our education system. Our kids deserve better and our teachers deserve better. Sincerely, Sarah Palazzolo

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6/10/2020 13:33	Amanda McLearn-Montz	Hello, My name is Amanda McLearn-Montz and I am a constituent of yours. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me as a physician. Structural racism and police brutality are major public health issues and negatively impact the patients I care for. Reallocating this \$30 million is a big step to dismantle this racism and improve the health and lives of many families. I hope instead you invest \$30 million in mental health services, community health programs, health insurance for low income families, after school programs, and public education. Thank you so much for your time. Sincerely, Amanda Amanda McLearn-Montz, MD
6/10/2020 13:58	santino laporta	Hello, My name is santino LaPorta and I am a resident in Salt Lake City, in fact I live across from liberty park. I'm emailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least 30 million and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the Mayor, Erin Mendenhall, maintains a zero hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe the funds are better spent elsewhere, such as education, housing, transportation, healthcare and addressing the growing homeless population in our city. I hope you invest 30 million wisely looking towards a safer and brighter future for your constituents. Please and thank you.
6/10/2020 13:59	Sherri Doxey	We need, want and appreciate our police officers and department!!! If money is tight, defund something far away up the bureaucratic jungle instead! Thank you?
6/10/2020 14:48	Sian Smith	Hello, My name is Sian Smith and I am a resident of Salt Lake City; I'd also like to add I voted for Mayor Mendenhall. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I feel our community will be better served if funds are available. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in to do something to support our homeless community and increase funding to education. I believe these steps will make Salt Lake City one of the strongest cities in America. Thank you so much for your time. Sincerely, Sian Smith
6/10/2020 14:03	James Riley	Hello, My name is James Riley and I am a college student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because community resources make communities safer. Stealing funding for those services in order to have a military force there is a disgusting display of disregard for quality of life in those areas. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in public transportation, affordable housing, and grants for artists in the community. Sincerely, James Riley [FULL NAME] Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 14:13	Asa Turok	Hello, My name is Asa Turok and I am a student and resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in Salt Lake's public schools. Sincerely, Asa Turok Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 14:15	Ashley Booth	Hello, My name is Ashley Booth and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've that they have taken advantage of their jobs. Police are put in place to protect us and to help us. Even if someone has done wrong they should NEVER be killed. And too many INNOCENT black lives have died due to the poor training and management of this government. Enough is enough. Protest your people. Black lives matter. And racist police CAN NOT BE IN EXISTENCE I hope instead, you I've \$30,000,000 to the homeless people in our streets, to organizations helping break systemic rac'l'm and organizations who help black lives. This fight isn't over. We need leaders who bell've in the cause and can make good change. Please listen to your heart and not the white assholes around you. I know you know that's right. So make the right fucking decision. Sincerely, Ashley
6/10/2020 14:16	Ashley Engeler	Hello, My name is Ashley Engeler and I am a resident and educational professional of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. Based on my participation in last week's call, as well as my conversations with and observations of the people of this city, it is evident that there are an overwhelming amount of citizens in Salt Lake who do not feel safe or comfortable with Salt Lake City Police Department's practices, myself included. A police force who will shoot a man 20+ times as he is fleeing and be protected by the due process they irrationally denied him, whose Chief can stand by their decision to kill while taking a performative knee with the public, whose officers can smirk with disdain in the face of peaceful teenage protesters and knock civilians from their feet with no cause, is not a police force that is protecting and serving the community, let alone caring for it. Each of these examples occurred in the last two weeks... which makes me question what has gone grossly unnoticed or unaddressed before the public at large started paying close attention. I thus demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in community-based initiatives, including a civilian review board, re-envisioning what public safety can and should look like in this city, this state, and this country. Our highest funded institution should not be filled with inadequately trained or screened individuals, and a thorough, transparent, community-supported examination and of policies and procedures in the SLCPD is not only warranted, but necessary if ever we want to rebuild a semblance of trust with public safety officers. Trust in communities to know what safety can look like. We can build something better. Sincerely, Ashley Engeler

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6/10/2020 14:33	Amber Whiteley	Hello, My name is Amber Choruby Whiteley and I am an Educator in Salt Lake City. I work as a professor at the University of Utah (although I do not represent my employer.) I am a counseling psychologist at -----I also work as a gender and racial equity consultant for Corporations in the valley. I am deeply involved and concerned with matters of social justice here in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I would like to ask for you to listen to the pleas made by the organizers of Black Lives Matter and before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in taking the MCOT services that are offered by UNI and adopting them as an official emergency response program so that social workers become emergency responders instead of the police for cases of mental health emergencies. Sincerely, Amber Choruby Whiteley, PhD
6/10/2020 14:37	Angie Clifford-Salisbury	Ms. Fowler, I write because I am concerned regarding the trending discussions about defunding the police in Salt Lake City. I live in District 7. I'moved to Salt Lake City a year ago. Since moving here, I have noticed an unfortunate amount of car prowls/burglaries and thefts in the neighborhood, which regularly go unsolved due to a lack of police force. I work in downtown. Since the Covid-19 shutdown, I have noticed in downtown, due to the lack of police presence, that there has been an increase in vagrancy, including people who appear to be suffering from drug and mental health issues. Especially on and near Trax. I ride Trax and I have been feeling increasingly less safe riding. I fear things will get worse in that area without more of a police presence - which makes me also fear for the Sugarhouse neighborhood/District 7, where I live. I hope that we can actually FUND the police more, to help prevent/solve these crimes that keep occurring. I will explain how and why: In general, police spend too much time addressing mental health, drug addiction and poverty-related issues/crimes, which would be best-suited for social workers to address. Most crime stems from three issues: poverty/homelessness, mental health, and drug addiction issues. I know because prior to moving to SLC, I saw this every single day in my work a public defender in Washington State (in Skagit County). In the county where I lived and worked, the City of Mount Vernon took a progressive and refreshing new take on the problem, and hired on social workers, in addition to the police, to help address the issues related to homelessness, drug addiction, and mental health, which are the primary motivators for the types of crimes I'mention above. The social worker(s) were a positive part of the community, working with both the police and the public defenders office to help individuals to get them secure housing, food, transport/bus passes, and treatment (mental health and drug), if they so desired. I saw it making an impact. and saw my clients returning less often with new cases. I was proud to live and work in a city with this progressive and compassionate approach to addressing these issues and crimes. In my career, this was the best effort I have ever seen a community put forth to actually address crime and social issues in a humane and compassionate way, leaving law enforcement free to focus on real crime instead of addressing mental health, drug and poverty related issues. Rather than defund, we should SUPPLEMENT what we have now by adding a unit of social workers to address homelessness, mental health, and drug addiction, so our police can focus on police work. If after that is implemented, there seems to be too many police, Let's have a discussion about cutting the police force. I am happy to discuss more and/or put you in contact with individuals from Mount Vernon so you can see how the city was addressing this issue. Angela Clifford-Salisbury

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6/10/2020 14:20	Jefferson Snow	Hello Amy, I saw a quote from another City Councilperson in the Salt Lake Tribune today saying that he was getting one or two emails a minute asking to cut the police Department's budget. I wanted to make sure you knew there are constituents who think it important to maintain the police's current level of funding. I have relatives in the police force, a sometimes thankless and always risky job. Please continue funding their Department'so they can maintain the personnel, equi'ment, and services currently keeping them safe. Thank you. -- Jefferson Snow
6/10/2020 14:23	JeiCee Mendez	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, JeiCee Mendez

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6/10/2020 14:25	Jen Colby	<p>Please see the attached PDF document for my full comments regarding reforming policing and public safety and the city budget. Here is the intro to my comments, full set of comments, including some graphics that would not paste well into this email, in the attached document. "I am writing to add my voice to the increasing calls for local governments to utterly rethink public safety and the appropriate role of policing in our society. This is long overdue. In listening and reading about attempts to reform police departments, I have come to the side of those calling for radical overhauls of budgeting and public safety organizations in government. It is time to right-size the SLCPD (I like that term better than ?defund? as we do need some remnant PD). Frankly, our government systems are designed to be slow and deliberative, and thus often to allow the status quo to perpetuate when the immediate crisis inevitably blows over. Please don't just wait out the calls for reform and leave all the same problems festering. Budgets are expressions of values. They too are also easily locked into a status quo incremental mode. Given the inequities in our society, that inevitably privileges the privileged. The Salt Lake City budget reflects this in many ways. Here are several actionable items that I ask the City Council to move on as fast as legally possible. 1) Make initial cuts to the 2020 Police Department budget, especially in the wake of pandemic-related tax revenue drops. Start with reversing the recent addition of 70+ positions. The justification for these new positions was frankly misleading and demonstrates why using the wrong metric can lead to waste of public funds. Specifically, the justification used was based on the # of officers/weekday city population estimates ? the exact times when due to daylight hours and more eyes on the streets, the city is safest, and the population is also vastly inflated by commuters. This was a blatant gift to the police union during an election year, or so it seems. See #2 for better metrics for budgeting decisions and programming. 2) Evaluate 911 and non-emergency calls for the past 10 years, if this isn't already being done. Report out the % of calls that are true criminal violations that need a police officer versus which are incidents like fender benders, or social and health issues that could use a non-police responder. Studies elsewhere have shown that fully 90% of calls are in the latter category. So why are we disproportionately funding and deploying the police? It must frustrate them, too. Use other data sources to map out needs, then develop a 2021 budget framework to start to shift \$ to the correct agencies and organizations to actually address root problems. 3) In the meantime, redirect this initial funding reduction to proper public safety investments focused on the social needs of the community. Right now the SLCPD and the legal and incarceration systems are being used to address these complex socio-economic issues, but are largely incapable of doing so properly: poverty, homelessness, substance use disorder, mental illness, segregation, and more. ..." Your leadership is needed now more than ever. Thank you for your service to our community in these increasingly challenging times. Sincerely, Jen Colby</p>
6/10/2020 14:40	Jess Mikel	<p>Hello, My name is Jess Mikel and my husband and I work in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Jess Mikel</p>



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6/10/2020 14:32	Michelle Minson	I am writing to ask that you not defund the SLC police. I would never feel safe in Salt Lake City without proper law enforcement in place. And therefore I would not be able to live, work, or shop in SLC either. We need our police in place, just as we always have. Perhaps policy changes and regulation is needed, but we need our police. Please don't take them away. Thank you, Michelle Minson
6/10/2020 14:39	Sunni Ryan	Hello, My name is Sunni Ryan, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City and a constituent of yours. I am reaching out in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. My demand -- as a local and as an American -- is that, before the final vote, the city cuts the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million and reallocates the money to community services. I also demand that the new mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. The United States, and Salt Lake with it, has the momentum-inspired opportunity to change RIGHT NOW. To shift away from a police force that was born as slave patrol and dismantle the system that neither protects NOR serves all people. A system that, in fact, routinely targets, oppresses, abuses, and kills its people. I have the privilege of working with community-based organizations that serve minority populations here in Salt Lake. Who lead gang prevention workshops and domestic violence prevention trainings. Who run afterschool programs and homework help. Who perform home visits and offer referrals to professional service providers. Reinvesting in the community -- in services and programs for the people by the people -- is what real change looks like. We cannot rebuild within a crooked system. We have to shift completely. To put the power back in the hands of those who have proven their commitment to protect and serve - the social workers, mental health care providers, case workers, community leaders. I have no faith, no trust in the police. But I believe in Salt Lake. I believe in this community. My best, Sunni Ryan
6/10/2020 14:43	Philip Start	Hello, My name is Phil start and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because Utah has some of the worst rates of police brutality against black people in the nation. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in education, public housing, mental health, and renewable energy development. Sincerely, Phil Start Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 14:32	Jeremiah Hartman	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thanks you for your time Jeremiah Hartman
6/10/2020 14:42	Jessica McDermott	Hello, My name is Jessica McDermott and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education and housing. Sincerely, Jessica McDermott
6/10/2020 14:43	Tyler Fortune	To Whom It May Concern, My name is Tyler Joseph Fortune. I have been a resident of Utah for 3 years, ranging from Davis County to Salt Lake County. I am emailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote is called for, the city must make drastic cuts to the SLPD?s budget by at least \$30 million and re-allocate that money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is very important, not only to me but my peers, my family and my community. We have had enough of the over funding and militarization of the police force. The police no longer protect and serve. They use their power for their own personal benefit while oppressing those they supposedly help. We are sick and tired of watching people being viciously murdered by those who are sworn to protect them. It is exhausting to watch as people have to stand by because they are too scared to de-escalate situations of police brutality. it'should not be shoot first instead of de-escalate out of instinct. The tactics police are being taught are a gross mishandling of justice. Police force should not be militarized and used on our civilians. I suggest instead, you I'vest that money into building more homeless shelters, especially for abused women and children. I suggest instead, you I'vest that money into a mental health program which can handle situations with better solutions than violence and/or arresting those in need of help I suggest instead, we use this one to mend those who are in need, not continue to put them in more dire situations that are impossible to get out of. Thank you for your time. I hope you consider this uprising of the people as a sign that we will not be silenced. It is time to represent the people. It is time to serve the people. Sincerely, Tyler Fortune

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6/10/2020 14:44	Lindsay Berry	Hello, My name is Lindsay Berry and I am a Resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Lindsay Berry Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 14:44	ASHWAQ ABDI	I am a resident of Salt Lake City I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ashwaq Abdi,
6/10/2020 14:50	ashma shrestha	Hello, My name is Ayusha Shresthaand I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to to combat hundreds of years of systemic raci'm that your government claims to fight against. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in fighting actual issues that is pervasive in your city, such as the homelessness crisis, one of the high rates of suicide in teenagers and young adults in the nation, and the healthcare crisis we have in light of COVID19. The SLCPD, like all other police departments in the country, have proven themselves to be overfunded and systemically racist, and it is up to your administration to enact the changes that BIPOCs have been fighting for decades. Sincerely, Ayusha Shrestha

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6/10/2020 14:44	Riley Smith	Hello, My name is Riley Smith and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because it has become clear that there is an unequal distribution of funds in our system, and there are many communities who need these funds more than the police force. By continuing to funnel countless funds into law enforcement, you are continuing to support a racist and unjust system, and that is unacceptable. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million into communities of color. Sincerely, Riley O. Smith
6/10/2020 14:47	Olivia Robson	Hello, My name is Olivia, and am a current resident of Salt Lake City. I was born here, grew up here, and my family is here. I am writing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money instead to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers through the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've we should I'veest in supporting our community, rather than I'veest in a hyper-militarized model of policing and penalizing vulnerable community members. SLCPD has revealed itself as an institution beyondreform in the murder of Bernardo Palacios. I am not asking forreform measures of the police department, but rather for defunding with a reallocation of those funds to providing housing, education, and mental health resources for Salt Lake City. I hope you I'veest \$30 million in measures that will help Salt Lake City grow into a more equitable and safe city for all, such as housing, education, and jobs, rather than the police department. Thank you for your time, Olivia Robson 1011 East Hollywood Avenue, SLC, Utah 84105 [REDACTED]
6/10/2020 14:49	Saul Napoles	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Saul Napoles

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6/10/2020 14:44	Blake Bekken	Hello, My name is Blake Bekken and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education. Sincerely, Blake Bekken
6/10/2020 14:45	Trent Morrison	Hello, My name is Trent Morrison and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the current structure of SLCPD is systematically broken and needs to be completely reset. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in community programs and resources?specifically the underserved and historically marginalized (e.g., Black Utah's). Enough is enough. Sincerely, Trent Morrison
6/10/2020 14:44	Sierra Dungan	Hello, My name is Sierra Dungan and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I have lived in Utah for almost 4 years and in SLC for just about a year. I have really enjoyed living here, and I truly bell've your have been doing a great job as mayor. However, I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before tomorrow?s vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that a hiring freeze be put into place on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in community based initiatives that don't focus on a militarized police department. Thank you very much for listening to your constituents and leading us to a better tomorrow. Sincerely, Sierra Dungan Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 14:52	Perry Finster	Hello, I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. Utah has one of the highest disproportional rates of police killings, with Black people making up 1% of the state's population, yet 10% of police killings. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. We demand that funding for SLCPD will be divested and l'vested into mental and physical health programs, education, homeless services, victim/survivor advocacy, meal programs, social programs and other community based services. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Perry Finster
6/10/2020 14:53	Samantha Gomez	I am a resident of District 4, downtown Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. S 300 W We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utah's during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Samantha Gomez SamanthaG [REDACTED]

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6/10/2020 14:50	Quinn Smith	Hello Mayor Mendenhall, My name is Quinn Smith and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that Salt Lake maintains a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we do not need to rely on police as much as we do. Imagine if your headlight went out, if a roadside assistance task force helped fix your headlight right then and there. Imagine that a party gets out of hand and you call 311 and a crisis intervention team comes to break it up and get everyone home safely. Imagine you are experiencing violence from an intimate partner, you text a crisis intervention team that connects you to a specialist who gets you out of a scary situation quickly. Not every situation requires a police officer. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in our schools, giving teachers a raise, supporting our libraries, improving public transportation, mental health support, youth services, and general community support. Thank you, I know you bell've that real change is possible, just like I do. Sincerely, Quinn Smith
6/10/2020 14:47	Sophia Hoesch	Hello, My name is Sophia Hoesch and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in Salt Lake city's public education. Sincerely, Sophia Hoesch Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 14:48	Autumn Henry	Hello, My name is Autumn Henry and I am a resident and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because it is unrealistic to expect the police to do every single job, from responding to reports of robbery to domestic abuse, and at this point this frustration clearly is what police brutality ultimately stems from. In defunding our police force and instead I've the \$30 million in the community, specifically black and brown communities, to train others for more specific and well-tailored functions, it is my hope that we will be able to create the peaceful community everyone hopes for. Sincerely, Autumn Henry, your local animal care professional.
6/10/2020 14:54	Ben Bilodeau	Hello, My name is Benjamin Bilodeau and I am a lifelong resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I'm tired of seeing officers of the law constantly use their power to belittle people as well as strike fear while using our tax dollars that could go to greater use elsewhere. Sincerely, Benjamin Bilodeau



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6/10/2020 14:48	Richard Cardenas	Dear City Council, I am an SLC resident and I wish to comment that the mayor's proposed SLCPD's budget is absurdly and grossly large when compared to others. This includes housing, transit planning, public services, community and neighborhood development and even economic development for the entire city. This taxpayer money could be used for: * Offering free diversity and inclusion training to SLC businesses and schools and the SLCPD * Offering loans to local POC owned business's * Sponsoring community gardens, fixing potholes and generally improving urban design and climate resilience. * Offering greater public services, such as glass recycling, to all residents in SLC. * Expanding public transit * Increasing access to affordable housing I request that you take great consideration into overhauling this current budget, disbanding the police department and I'veesting in this city's people, it's taxpayers, and it's Black and Brown community, who suffer the most at the hands of an unqualified police force. We all deserve to live in a vibrant and safe city. Thank you, -- Richard C. Cardenas
6/10/2020 14:51	samuel evans	Hello, My name is Sam Evans and I am a resident and employee in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Samuel Evans Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device
6/10/2020 14:53	Ruchi Agarwal	Hello, My name is Ruchi Agarwal, and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because Utah's budget grants an enormous amount of sheer power and authority to the police. In too many situations, we have all seen police officers abuse this power. Instead, I hope you I'veest \$30 million in Utah's public education system. The root cause of many issues such as homelessness and crime is a lack of preliminary and secondary education. Utah has consistently ranked last in per-pupil spending, and we can fix this. Thus, I urge you to adjust the 2020-2021 fiscal budget to accurately reflect Utah's values, aiding children in achieving higher education. Sincerely, Ruchi Agarwal
6/10/2020 14:53	Russ Wood	Hello, My name is Russ Wood and I am a Salt Lake City resident. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because in the days following the Minneapolis police's murder of George Floyd, I have never felt less safe in my city than I did seeing SLCPD using tear gassing & brutalizing peaceful protesters. The presence of the militarized police force and national guard does NOT make a city'safe and certainly does nothing to establish the People's trust in SLCPD. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in affordable housing and homeless outreach programs. The homeless population will only continue to grow as our city experiences an on-going housing crisis. Sincerely, Russ Wood

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6/10/2020 14:48	Avery Bocage	I am a resident of Salt Lake county I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Avery Bocage
6/10/2020 14:52	Bri Henke	Hello, My name is Bri Henke and I live in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget: I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because when people call 911 they are in need of help - and we should be helping our citizens rather than arresting and calling that good, or worse...killing them. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in ACTUAL LICENSING FOR POLICE OFFICERS, or MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS on the force or PROPER DE-ESCALATION + MEDIATION TRAINING FOR ALL OFFICERS. We ask this of you as members of this local society that want to feel protected, not more scared. Sincerely, Bri Henke
6/10/2020 14:49	Paul Jenkins	BLACK LIVES MATTER + STRONG POLICE DEPARTMENT = You figure out the budget.
6/10/2020 14:49	Ayla Castano	Hello, My name is Ayla Castano and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because research clearly indicates that the safest communities don't have the highest police presence, they have the most resources for residents. I hope instead, you will I'vest \$30 million into social services such as rent relief, healthcare, therapy, and education for underserved communities. Sincerely, Ayla Castano
6/10/2020 14:51	Natalya Eyzaguirre	

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6/10/2020 14:51	Azalia Bocanegra	Hello, My name is Azalia Bocanegra and I am a resident of Saratoga Springs utah I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public schooling in low income communities. Sincerely, Azalia Bocanegra Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 14:53	Beata Price-Huish	Hello, My name is Beata Price-Huish and I am a student and resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there are so many situations where the police act in a corrupt and morally wrong way. The abuse of power that the police in Salt Lake can exercise is infuriating and scary for many people. I hope instead, you I'vest that money until funding public parks, libraries, the education system in our state. There is so much need in our state and that money (if distributed wisely) can be utilized to help thousands of people. Sincerely, Beata Price-Huish
6/10/2020 14:51	Patrick Harrington	Hello, My name Patrick Harrington and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the militarization of the police and the perpetuation of the force?s poisonous culture needs to be changed entirely. The policing system in America, including utah is akin to a poisoned tree. The poisoned tree has lost its ability to even produce good fruit. What apples could have been good, all of their positive qualities have been overpowered by the poison running through its roots, branches and leaves. The only solution is to cut down the tree and start with a new one. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into education, mental health, domestic abuse aid, building of resources in underprivileged communities and community outreach for police as opposed to armed aggression. Sincerely, PATrick Harrington
6/10/2020 14:52	Natalie Banks	Hello, My name is Natalie Banks and I am a worker in Salt Lake City, having lived here and around the valley since 1992. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because until we can undeniably prove that every single police officer can't treat every single citizen of Utah equally, they have no business using our money to fund their grab for control. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in community outreach, Or to combat our ever increasing homelessness problem. Sincerely, Natalie Banks

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6/10/2020 14:53	Danielle Baioch	Hello, My name is Danielle Baiocchi and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we need to I'vest from the ground up if we want our communities to be stronger - not continue to pump money into the same source that does not prove to improve the quality of life for all. Yes, still find the police - they are important! But please do not put all of this budget into one basket here. We can do and should do so much more with this money. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in hiring social worker and mental health professional for schools, working towards more sustainable city planning for our environment as we continue to deal with unclean air, and provide relief options for those living on the streets. Sincerely, Danielle Baiocchi
6/10/2020 14:53	Anonymous Constituent	Dear City Council, thank you for your service to the community. Thank the Police department for their countless hours of service and dedication to our city. We'd like to request that funds go to increased police training and the hiring of more officers to meet public needs. We would not like to disarm them while responding to nonviolent calls, or decrease their funds. Thank you.
6/10/2020 14:58	Craig Greenberg	I am very concerned that knee jerk reactions on defunding the SLC Police Department to funnel monies to other priorities. At this time there are not enough officers patrolling the streets as it is. Everyone needs to take a deep breath and look at what is best for the city. The budget was put together and all parties had no issues prior to two weeks ago. If the council starts slashing the budget to become politically correct, it will be very disappointing.
6/10/2020 14:54	Ramon Orlanes	I am a resident of New York City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although the City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ramon Orlanes

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6/10/2020 15:04	Anonymous Constituent	as a teacher in Utah and a citizen concerned for racial equality, we need LESS funding for the police and more funding for services that can support our community and lessen crime. Less money and militarization for our police, who have the worst disproportionality rate for racial killing in the country. More funding for our schools, mental health resources, affordable housing, and social services. thank you
6/10/2020 14:58	Beverly Hawkins	I appreciate the opportunity to give feedback on the budget discussions underway. I don't have comments about specific budget items. I am interested and concerned about the recent discussions about reducing the funding in the police part of the budget. On the face of it, the fact that police find themselves serving roles other than what might traditionally be thought of as public safety - roles more concerned with social issues - suggest that roles could be more clearly defined, and funding shifted to positions or departments better suited to deal with those issues. My concern is that those decisions need to be made with more care and deliberation than can be given in the few weeks since the protests and the June 30 budget deadline. Thanks for your work on the Council. - Beverly Hawkins Sugar House
6/10/2020 15:00	Blair Allen	To whom it may concern, I want you to know that I also have a voice too!! The fact that you would even entertain the idea of defunding the police department is asinine! The loss of support from you for the department is disheartening and demoralizing to our officers. Please imagine yourself, your spouse, your son, your daughter standing on the streets protecting protesters right to protest, all while having them scream horrible obscenities at you for hours and days on end, having them scream horrifying threats against not only you but your family for hours and days on end and holding quiet while they do so because it's their "right". Our men and women who protect our cities are only human, and by being human no one is perfect. Yes, there are "bad apples" out there as we have recently seen, but they do NOT represent the majority of wonderful people who put on that uniform because they want to help. There are bad apples in every profession, but this is the one profession that gets blamed for everything. The media loves to put any mistake they make out there for people to feed on. The freedom of speech right seems to apply to everyone else but police, because no one seems to want to listen when they speak out against injustices. Not one officer I know has agreed with what happened in Minnesota, they have ALL spoken out against it. They leave the house every day, having to think that could be the last day they see their family. They hide their patrol cars in the garage to protect their family. They have to make life changing decisions in a split'second sometimes under incredible stress, and if they make a decision that even offends a few they are damned, but had they made a different decision, and someone innocent may have been hurt because they didn't "do enough" they'd also be damned. They are damned if they do and damned if they don't. I do NOT support people who abuse the badge, and I bell've there are people out there that should not be police officers. But the fact still remains the vast majority of the officers, and especially at SLCPD, are good people. They are human, they need help, they need SUPPORT from their city and community. They do NOT need to have funds taken away that would otherwise help them receive the training and tools they need to become better at their jobs. If you defund or remove funds from the police department, you are hurting them and the community. I implore you to try and put yourself, your family in their shoes. Sincerely, An exhausted, disheartened, worried, LEO spouse.

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6/10/2020 15:00	Blake Winslow	Hello, My name is Blake Winslow and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because it's past time to rethink how to deal with crime, preferably by addressing systemic issues that lead to crime before they happen. Like a dentist recommends we floss in order to avoid cavities, we should treat the underlying social problems that lead to crime before they get worse. Having worked in mental health my advice to everyone is to not call the police if a loved one is having an episode because showing up with a gun and little to no mental health training. Sincerely, Blake Winslow Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 15:16	Anonymous Constituent	DO NOT defund our Police. The wrong actions of police in a different state do not justify cutting our police buget in any way. My wife and I'massively appreciate the hard work and bravery our policy demonstrate and would hate to see them quit due to these events.
6/10/2020 15:08	Brecken Taylor	Hello, My name is Brecken and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education. Sincerely, Brecken Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 15:13	Brian Higgins	Hello, My name is Brian and I am a resident Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we should support a bettering of our society over a reckless, arbitrary dedication to militarizing the police force. Sincerely, Brian Higgins Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 15:06	Brandi Childs	Hello, My name is Brandi Childs and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 40 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the people who respond to crises in our community should be the people who are best equipped to deal with those crises, not briefly trained strangers armed with guns. I hope instead, you I'vest \$40 million in the education system, mental health services, social workers, victim/survivor advocates, homeless shelters and resources. Sincerely, BrandI'marie Childs
6/10/2020 15:09	Brett Briggs	Hello, My name is Brett Briggs and I am a longtime resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the killing of black people at the hands of the police is a crisis in our country. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in social programs that benefit everyone in our community. Sincerely, Brett Briggs

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6/10/2020 15:12	Brett Rich	<p>Dear Elected Officials, I wrote the following on the morning of the first riots in Salt Lake City, long before I knew that anything in my beloved state had gone awry: I am a white man. I've grown up with a condition called "white privilege." it's what I call living a "normal life." And therein lies the proof, because I didn't know I had it until my adult years. And even though I'm aware of it, I still don't see or understand the effects of it. But because I have this condition, it is easy for me to ignore racist talk. It is easy for me to judge people who cry racism as "haters" and turn off the news. It is easy for me to condemn the rioters for the violence and fear that they breed as they lash out publicly. In my youth, I coined a term, reverse-racism. It basically means that you judge me by the color of my skin and expect me to be racist because I'm of a privileged class. Having white privilege is not always easy. Because of violent actions and violent words, I have to think twice before I engage with a person of color because I don't know what might happen to me if I'm outnumbered. After the riots that followed the Rodney King beating I watched the news with reports of white people being beaten and abused by people of color who lashed out. After the 911 attacks, Brazil was not a safe place for Americans. I had to be careful not to turn a corner too quickly and judge the eyes of everyone who could, from the color of my skin, determine that I "didn't belong" there. Someone made the argument that the rioting of today is akin to the Boston Tea Party. And looking at economies of scale, maybe it is. I know only a little of the suffering of our brothers and sisters of color (I choose this word because it generically describes all non-whites who are mistreated because of the color of their skin). It makes me sick to think about all the violence (words and actions) that happens in this world under the banner of a cause. Whether it be in the name of religion, racism, or self-preservation, hate is hate. And it breaks my heart that we keep circling back to this. But because I'm white, I can choose to ignore all of that. Because I'm white I can stay on the fence. And because I'm white, I can choose to cross barriers in the spirit of love and acceptance. Do our brothers and sisters who are not white have that same privilege? This is something that they have to live with every day. I'll never forget the time my white privilege slapped me in the face and I got a firsthand look at how ignorant I was. A teenage African boy who I love and have mentored for years quit his job because of some racial slurs that he'd been hearing. I don't know how long he'd been experiencing this abuse or who it was coming from. To him the slurs were obvious and I simply didn't even understand what they meant. Seeing my ignorance and wanting to know, I asked him to explain it to me but that only succeeded in offending him. He ended the conversation and walked away. I'm not a champion except maybe to my wife and kids. I'm a good guy of strong convictions and I live my truth. I love all people and all this hate stuff hurts. I truly believe that there are significantly less bigots in this world than there are good people who simply care. <b>1 of 3</b></p> <p><b>*Continued Below*</b></p>



Date	Names	Comment
6/10/2020 15:12	Brett Rich	<p>2 of 3 *Continued Above* Many of us feel helpless. Most of us feel scared. The rest of us just don't want to rock the boat. it's easy to ignore stuff like this on the news because it is hundreds of miles away. Some people will come out of this with racist views where there never had been before. But I hope that, not just the majority but, most of us will come out of this with a heightened awareness and an understanding that ignoring the problem will not make it go away. Fact: Bullying is a problem in our society. Kids and adults of all races and ethnicities treat each other terribly. Sometimes it is out of racl'm, but always it is out of fear, hate, or superiority. We can't call all bullying racl'm because it's simply feeds the problem. Fact: Racl'm is real. Just saying ?we can't call all bullying racl'm? is not enough to make it go away. It takes generations of mindset correction and People's speaking out against injustice to wean ourselves from this evil among us. Some actions we take will feed the beast, but we won't know until we act, so we must live our truth, but we must do so in the spirit of love and truth. Fact: Our system has failed us many times. Any time that a person in a position of authority commits a crime, that person should bear greater consequences than those who are not in authority. And the higher the position of authority, the greater the consequence. But people in authority tend to get a higher amount of discretion instead. This has been a major problem in regards to sex crimes as well as violence and even murder. Fact: Reports of inappropriate actions taken by law enforcement are not going away. Police officers are human. They are trained and licensed to kill and their judgement is skewed by adrenaline combined with the dangerous nature of their jobs. They make mistakes. And some of those mistakes could result in the death of an innocent. But outrageous acts committed by law enforcement such as in the case of George Floyd, where the officer used his authority to hold off a crowd while he killed another human being slowly with his knee are so awful that they are incomprehensible. And had there not been video footage taken, I wouldn't have bell'ved it possible. These should never be. And an example must be made for people to bell've in justice and law enforcement. It is a great and terrible day where the dark deeds of others are becoming increasingly proclaimed, where cameras are everywhere and we can see the ugly truth of humanity. Throughout history, man has repeatedly resorted to the savageness of our animal nature. How much do We'really want to know about ourselves and our neighbors? And yet, how can we heal if we don't. ?Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.? (Luke 12:3) "And the rebellious shall be pierced with much sorrow; for their iniquities shall be spoken upon the housetops, and their secret acts shall be revealed." (D&amp;C 1:3) My prayer is that, while the grossest parts of our fallible nature are being revealed, our best natures become equally revealed. I pray that as we become more aware, that our children will not have to live in a world where we are segregated by the color of our skin. But that their world is one where blacks, whit's, and all people can live a ?normal life;? not out of ignorance, but out of understanding. 2 of 3 *Continued Below*</p>

Date	Names	Comment
6/10/2020 15:12	Brett Rich	<b>3 of 3 *Continue Above*</b> I call upon the elected leaders of our nation to make the right decision and to do it quickly to resolve this current issue and improve the system to further safeguard its people from other atrocities and hate crimes conducted by those who are sworn to protect us. News can be finicky, one-sided and slow (even today). I've only recently learned of the shooting of Palacios-Carbajal which took place prior to the killing of George Floyd and of the response that Salt Lake is considering to that killing. According to my source, 2 officers are being "thrown under the bus" for the shooting and "the council is also talking about defunding the police and taking away resources from them." My personal response and request is that we properly discipline the officers and, if appropriate, try them as criminals or get them psychological help and remove their badges. The first shot may have been appropriate. The second and even third shots, Let's chalk that up to fear and adrenaline. But it is clear that every shot thereafter was done out of violence and lack of self control. I do not pretend to assume that there was racial profiling or other forms of hate involved, but after soul searching from the recent events, I no longer bell've that we can rule that out. I bell've that Utah has one of the best police forces in all of the country. We have highly trained men and women who primarily (by their excellent training) seek to de escalate and resolve conflict prior to responding with violence. Most individuals (including those in law enforcement) are rational and caring people. And I bell've that over 99% of our population abhors racial injustice. But because of the perceived hate that our nation exploits, we should not be taking tax dollars from our police forces. On the contrary, we should be providing them with more. More training, more psychological support, more paid time off, and more accountability before this escalates any further. Please, as you consider your options and weigh the implications, keep in mind the future of our citizens and how to keep us all safe. Thank-you, Brett Rich
6/10/2020 15:11	Tatiana Christian	Hello, There is another city council meeting tonight and i want to once again iterate that the council needs to vote to remove money from the police budget. I saw a note saying that "this needs to be in increments" which is a boldfaced lie. The police don't deserve money, of any kind, and it doesn't need to take time to take money from them. 30 million dollars isn't very much, so it's strange that while you were voted in by the people for the people, you don't consider our demands worthwhile. At minimum the city council should take 30 million dollars from the police budget, but really, it'should be closer to 50 million. The police put communities, particularly those of color, at risk. There's noreform that is possible. Take their money from them and I'vest in the community. If you're unwilling to support the community, then perhaps this position isn't for you. You should vacate and give it to someone who actually values Black people and finds the existence of the police abhorrent. Thank you. - Tatiana

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6/10/2020 15:12	Troy Haas	As a long time resident of Salt Lake City, and typically a proud one, I come to you all for your expertise and backbone. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time.
6/10/2020 15:19	Doug Grose	Hello, My name is Doug Grose and I'm a lifelong resident of Salt Lake City. I'm emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. Before the final vote, the city must make significant cuts to the SLCPD proposed budget and reallocate that money (at least \$30 million) to community services. We must also implement a hiring freeze of new officers through the fiscal year and prioritize better training/performance evaluations for existing officers. This is important to me because I've seen what decades of defunding or underfunding critical services like education, mental and physical healthcare, and affordable housing can do to a community, all while the police budget swells beyond practicality. These areas are where our money should be I've invested if We're really want to make a lasting impact on crime rates in our city. Thanks, Doug Grose
6/10/2020 15:15	Brittany Barica	Hello, My name is Brittany Barica and I am a resident and work in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in our schools and hospitals. Sincerely, Brittany B. Barica

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6/10/2020 15:16	Brock Hampton	Hello, My name is Brock Hampton, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. I plead -- I demand -- that the proposed budget be changed before the final vote to cut SLCPD's proposed budget allocation by no less than \$30 million, and for those funds to be reallocated to community services, public health services, and education. I also demand that the mayor initiate and maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers for the duration of the coming fiscal year. This is important to me and your other constituents because police absorb a tremendous proportion of nearly every jurisdiction's budget across the US, Salt Lake City included. It is important because the police are used as a catch-all for innumerable social services that they are not trained for, and do not possess the demeanor for. It is important because the police have lost the consent of us, the governed, by repeatedly denying us our rights to life, liberty, and due process. I do not need to lecture you on the origins and history of the police in the US -- you should not need to be reminded that they exist as an expansion of slave catchers, union busters, and hired enforcers of the powerful against the powerless. We can do better for our community. Together, we can build a system that genuinely assists those in need, with fellow people from their own communities who are qualified and willing to help in their moments of need -- without carrying guns and other tools of violence. Thank you for your time.
6/10/2020 15:15	Brittney Thomas	Hello, My name is Brittney Thomas and I am a full time also part time employee and student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because change starts within our community. We need to stand up and be the examples for so many other cities and communities struggling in times like these. Train your officers first to handle these tough situations with tact, resilience, and COMPASSION. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million into community building projects. Such as Jared Arvanit's homeless clean up program or YMCAS. Help our inner city. Let's not turn into another LA or Minneapolis. Sincerely, Brittney Thomas Please hear my voice. Train our officers. Save their lives and many more.
6/10/2020 15:17	Brooke Bown	Hello, My name is Brooke Bown and I am a Resident of salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in education, SLCs homeless population and social programs that increase quality of life for the people of Utah. Please, remember why we voted you into office. You work for us, so protect us. Put your ego aside and have integrity for once! Sincerely, Brooke Bown

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6/10/2020 15:16	Brock Fisher	Hello, My name is Brock Fisher and I am an expectant student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million dollars, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am one of many young students who are disappointed with the lack of progress Salt Lake City has made in regards to racial justice. I am one of many who don't feel the actions of the Salt Lake City governing body reflect my values. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into housing, education, health care, transportation, anything to improve Salt Lake City infrastructure. Sincerely, Brock Fisher
6/10/2020 15:16	Amelia Wilson	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people and other People of Color. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. Please reduce the police's budget and add requirements to their training. In my opinion they should need a bachelors degree or other years long training program. We need to demilitarize them and do not allow them the ability to use voilence as a method of policing. We lso need a citizen review board that is allowed to take action and not defer to the police chief. I am generally for unions but the police union/fraternity is way too powerful and corrupt and should no longer be utilized. Salt lake is desperate for more programs for the homeless, more afordable housing, more social services, improvement in the quality of public schools, more after school programs for low income students, drug rehabilitation programs. What we dont need is more policing. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Amelia
6/10/2020 15:18	Anonymous Constituent	Defund the police
6/10/2020 15:18	bryn diederich	Hello, my name is Bryn Diederich I am a resident in draper UT and a recent graduate from Corner Canyon High School. I am emailing in regards to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's by at least \$30 million, and relocate the money to community services/earth. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers through the fiscal year. This is important to me because the system is seriously broken. I hope instead you I'vest the \$30 million or so into solar energy and reusable material. No need for oil companies and such it's stupid. Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 15:22	Caleb Overbaugh	I am a resident of District 1. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Caleb Overbaugh
6/10/2020 15:23	Christina Hewitt	Hello, My name is Christina Hewitt and I am a resident and student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into the community and public education. Sincerely, Christina Hewitt
6/10/2020 15:19	Taylor Wilkes	Hello, My name is Taylor Wilkes, and I am a resident, worker, and student of Salt Lake City. I love living here and I hope to keep it a safe place to live, that protects the rights of the people. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I don't want to see the place that so many people live and love contribute to the systematic violence against our brothers and sisters. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in social work and public schooling for our children, and other similar things that will truly be the thing to help our community and country. Sincerely, Taylor Wilkes

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6/10/2020 15:20	Cailee Markosian	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Cailee Markosian
6/10/2020 15:24	Cameron George	Hello, My name is Cameron George and I'm a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we need change. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in schools, healthcare and homelessness. We don't need a militarized police. We will happily find someone else to do the job if you can't. Sincerely, Cameron
6/10/2020 15:20	Eric Boscan	Hello Council Member Dan Dugan, My name is Eric Boscan and I am a resident of District 6 in the Foothill area of the East Bench in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before today?s vote, the city discuss possible plans and oversight as to how funds of at least 30 million can be moved from SLCPD and reallocated to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I would like to hear discussions on a thorough review of the SLCPD budget and where funding is being used. In addition, how areas of the budget can possibly be directed towards public services and community & neighborhood programs. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in Youth & Family programs, affordable housing, and education programs in the city. Sincerely, Eric Boscan Sent from my iPhone



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6/10/2020 15:29	Danielle Hess	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I have recently become aware of some troubling news about the conduct of Salt Lake City police officers, including excessive force and racial profiling. I am disturbed that this happens here, in the home I love. I read news articles in the past about the police in SLC undergoing deescalation and racial bias training, but looking at all this new information coming to light it seems as if these training have not actually been very effective in preventing racial discrimination or use of excessive force against members of my community. Utah is a beautiful place, and I have always loved how clean and beautiful my city is. I have rejoiced in the past few years at the growing diversity of the state. However, it is unacceptable that we are not doing everything possible to support our communities and instead spending that money on an ineffective police department that is not doing anything to solve the root of the issues. I am writing to ask that the budget for the SLC police be reduced by 30 million dollars. These funds should instead go to support community based programs that support the SLC homeless population, and community based addiction support programs. I love Utah. I love Salt Lake City. I want my tax dollars to support my community in ways that will actually improve our lives. Thank you for your time, Danielle Hess
6/10/2020 15:23	Callie Randle	I am a resident of Salt Lake county and a student at the University of Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,

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6/10/2020 15:24	Cameron Arkin	I am an incoming resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Cameron Arkin

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6/10/2020 15:23	Esther Gettz	<p>Dear City Council Members, I am a LEO wife within Salt Lake City Police Department. I grew up in Minnesota, Due to the current events that took place in Minneapolis, I am heart broken for the people In Minneapolis and the family of George Floyd. I know the men and women within the Salt Lake City Police Department and I know the bravery they have going into each shift, not knowing what is going to happen. Police officers face dangers that no other person is willing to face, Call after call for hours un-end. Last summer I had the privilege to go on a ride along with my Husband and to see first hand what he faces. From call to call we went. Again and again seeing my husband handle the call as if it were his first. Many have very little consideration and appreciation for what our officers face. Day in and day out. Our officers see and deal with high tense situations for little money. I am wondering if it's worth the risk? I encourage you all to go on a ride along and gain more understanding of their job, Not what the media paints but to see first hand and then see if you still want to cut their budget. My husband was at that riot last Saturday. He got 3 hours of sleep, He still put on his uniform and went in and didn?t complain once. My husband had People'screaming at him, throwing objects at him (glass bottles, explosives, street signs, rocks, etc.) People told my husband to kill himself and his family, My husband stood there and let them express themselves freely, My husband remained calm as People'said horrific things to him. As a wife and mother, how am I supposed to handle that situation? How would you handle it if it was your spouse? My husband who is a kind man, a man of integrity, a lover of ALL people, a Christian, a family man. He is a father, son, and uncle. Please tell me, How is he supposed to handle that? Other than to remain silent and calm. My heart broke as I watched on the news. I feared for the safety of my husband, brother in law, and the men and women out there. My 4 year old daughter doesn?t know what?s going on and hasn?t seen any videos on the news but feels every emotion going on. She keeps asking her daddy if he is scared. She screamed and cried when she woke up and he was gone saying ?mommy I am supposed to be with daddy, I need to keep him safe?. How does my 4 year old comprehend why someone would want to hurt her father because of a uniform he puts on? why someone would want to hurt her simply because her father is an officer? 1 of 2 *Continued Below*</p>

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6/10/2020 15:23	Esther Gettz	2 of 2 *Continued Above* My husband is a strong man but tell me if you had People'screaming in your face for hours and hours and threatened you and your family, would you be as strong? My husband, and both of my brother in laws work for SLCPD. Our whole family is proud to work for your city. Who boldly go into work just hoping to make a difference. My husband was attacked a couple years back, unprovoked at a 7/11 in your city. That man tried to take my husbands gun. He admitted he would have killed my husband if he got his gun. Yet he still walked away freely. my husband simply went to the 7/11 for a snack, not in uniform, in his personal car. My husband has PTSD still from this event and he still puts on the uniform because it's more important to him to keep People'safe. There are so many dangers they face constantly. the risk is high and the benefits are low. If you choose to cut funding, You will have officers who will not be able to properly handle calls, You will have officers who are Unequipped. You will have officers who will be in greater danger, All resulting in them going to a different police force where they are appreciated and they have the ability to have the tools Necessary to complete their job. If you cut the funding, You will be putting officers lives in even greater risk than is. The Men and Women of Salt Lake City Police department are not the officers of Minneapolis, They are outstanding individuals, Who work to make a difference and to make your city great. Please re consider cutting budgets, please do not defund our police department. We need officers, The people of Salt Lake City need officers that are equipped and ready to take on the challenges they face. Respectfully, A Salt Lake City Police Wife

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6/10/2020 15:36	Dale Scott	<p>Good Morning Amy, I'm a resident of your district and wanted to share my thoughts on your statements about the police shooting of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. I'll share some of my own background first. I have never owned a gun in my life because I despise everything about them. Six years ago I was held up at gunpoint at Artic Circle in on 1700 S 500 E. A man held a gun to my head and told me to get out of my car. I did. He told me to put my hands on the roof of the car. The whole time the man appeared to be extremely agitated so I tried to remain calm in the hope he would not pull the trigger and shoot me in the head. After the man finished, he took my wallet with some money in it, my ID, credit cards etc. He then pistol whipped me several times and as a result I had a detached retina in my left eye and concussion. I have had 4 surgeries on my eye since then in an attempt to save some sight in it. After the robbery I did not report it to police, my reasoning being that this person had my name and address from my DL which he stole and I feared either his or some of his friends would come to my house and inflict even more terror on my family. I still don't own a firearm because my take is if I had one that night the outcome could have been much worse. I suffer from PTSD to this day. That leads me to Mr. Palacios-Carbajal. Reports suggest that he was suspected of holding people up at gunpoint on the night of the incident. If that turns out to be untrue, apologies in advance. Assuming it is true, police responded and he was pursued. During that time, based on the footage, he was told multiple times to stop, drop his weapon etc. He clearly did neither of those. So given your statement, what exactly would you have preferred happen? The alternative is that a suspected armed robber simply be allowed to run away with his gun. That doesn't strike you as alarming? What happens if he decides to use the gun he refused to drop to carjack someone, take a hostage etc.? Would you want it to be your family he runs towards with his gun as he flees police? By far the most troubling thing to me in your statement however is you clearly have made your mind up before the investigation is even concluded. Either you have all the evidence of that investigation already and had thoroughly reviewed it prior to your statement last weekend (in which case why is it ongoing?) or you seem awfully keen to be the first elected official to come out with your decision on this for whatever reason. Personally, as a victim of armed robbery who still suffers because of it to this day, I'm disgusted. Have you talked to the real victims here i.e., the person(s) this man held at gunpoint? Again, I'm assuming he was in fact the perpetrator of that aforementioned felony. Maybe spare some tears for them. I still don't own a firearm, in part because of my belief that police can protect me. I am by no means a person who defends police in all cases. The recent cold blooded murder of George Floyd and the killing of Breonna Taylow horrify me. That said, for this incident to be in any way compared to those makes our argument in those cases far more difficult. I'm not sure if you'll read this or be bothered to respond but I hope maybe the next time something like this happens you'll ensure you have all the facts of any investigation before making your judgement. If that's your process I hope you never get called for jury duty. Sincerely DS</p>
6/10/2020 15:23	Anthea Letsou	<p>Do not increase the police budget. Defund. Aliquot monies to resources that will help our city... mental health care, homelessness, equal access to quality education,</p>

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6/10/2020 15:25	Dane Hess	Hello, Amy. Thank you for your openness to considering defunding the police and instead I'veesting these dollars into programs of social uplift. I read the Tribune article just now and appreciate that you are looking to have these critical conversations about justice in our city. I live and work in Glendale as a middle school teacher. I know through my conversations with my students, 90% of whom are students of color, that they'receive great amounts of unwarranted police attention. This additional violence and harassment is simply a result of their skin color and their geographic location. I do not want my money to go toward supporting this type of physical violence. The resulting psychological trauma is another obstacle I would like to remove from my students' pathways toward a life well lived. You have the chance to have a big impact here. Making drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget would free up dollars to I'veest in what these students, my family and I want for our neighborhood--opportunities. Opportunities for quality access to health care (including mental), housing, education, environmental justice, recreation, job training, and chances for small businesses to flourish. Please consider using your position, privilege, knowledge and power to help shift these dollars to programs, non-profits, and small businesses that will serve to uplift. Thank you for your time, Dane Hess
6/10/2020 15:27	Whitney Weiss	Hello, My name is Whitney Weiss, LCSW and I am a resident of Salt Lake City worming in the Summit Co. school district. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the public deserves to be treated by professionals who specialize in their particular struggle. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in improved social services Sincerely, Whitney Weiss, LCSW
6/10/2020 15:36	Cherie Campbell	To the Salt Lake City Council, I am deeply concerned that you would be entertaining suggestions of defunding the Police force. The most important support our government can do for us is protect us and our freedoms. The laws and those who enforce it are our best friends. don't let radical pressures from the media concerning the terrible incident in Minnesota cause you to entertain such a notion of not protecting our citizens. The Minnesota incident may not have happened if their Police Force had more funding for proper training. Please continue to support the Police Force and increase their funding if needed. Thank you, Cherie S. Campbell
6/10/2020 15:33	Chantel Howard	Hello, My name is Chantel Howard and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, worker at -----and a student at ----- . I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because that money can be used in many, many other ways to help members of our community rather than go where it truly shouldn't be spent. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in to rent relief for the thousands struggling financially, especially after this pandemic. That money can be used to better help public schools and hire new teachers and increase wages for teachers. That money can go to help those who are struggling but need health insurance for them and their family. That money can provide free therapy for the thousands struggling with mental heath that cannot afford in on their own. Sincerely, Chantel Howard Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 15:25	Camille Bagnani	Hello, My name is Camille Bagnani and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe it is up to us to begin to tear down the systemic racism that our country has been founded on. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in education. By doing so, I believe we can effectively implement conversations that can remove the implicit racism so many citizens don't even realize they have at a young age. Sincerely, Camille Bagnani
6/10/2020 15:26	Camille Morgenstern	Hello! My name is Camille and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is so crucial because while black people in Utah make up 1.06% of the population, black people have accounted for a whopping 10% of police killings over the last seven years. The institution of police itself harkens back to the time of slavery and has remained rooted in racism since its inception. We cannot give more money and power to such an institution and call it "justice." I hope that instead you invest \$30 million in offering services such as mental health treatment, drug rehabilitation, healthcare, food, and/or housing services for Salt Lake city's homeless population rather than subjecting them to police aggression and allowing them to fall through the cracks of society. Thank you so much for your time. Camille Morgenstern
6/10/2020 15:28	Carly Furlong	Hello, My name is Carly Furlong and I am a resident and full time worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we need to see a change in social justice system. Our police officers are not upholding the the standards of our community and I demand reform! Our tax payer money is not being spent in ways that align with what is right for all people of our city. Cops should not ever be feared- they are public servants and their authority has gotten to their heads. It is disgusting the violence being used towards people who they have sworn to protect and serve, who are funding their pay checks. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in our school systems, paying our hard working teachers who are teaching the youth of our nation. Who are responsible to teach our history, and to teach love, acceptance and tolerance of all people. To understand right from wrong. Sincerely, Carly Furlong Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 15:35	Michael Wren	



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6/10/2020 15:28	Boyd Vogeler	Much like the current issue of whether our police force is being asked to wear too many hats (enforcement, social worker, etc.), it is probably worth asking whether city government has taken on too many responsibilities and programs creating an unmanagable portfolio of accountabilities and demands on limited resources. Just one example of this set of circumstances is the constant raiding of departments' budgets to fund some program or initiative that in the moment consumes the attention of the mayor and council or has a political leg up. For example, the streets department budget is chronically picked on to the point now that a massive bond has to be let to bring our city's streets back to an acceptable condition. This should NEVER have happened. Basic services are just that: BASIC. Any group can invent a "need" that government could be seen as responsible for. Obviously city leaders have the responsibility to prioritize those "needs". Basic services should be serviced first and not shorted. Too many currently funded initiatives fall far outside of the definition of basic services. The scope of many current programs in the city budget actually transcend city boundaries or overlap with county and state government efforts, and as such ought to be managed by entities larger than the city or specialized and better equipped to focus on them. Ask yourselves some hard questions. Let go of your pet projects (transportation system in competition with UTA for example), fortify basic services that should never be shorted, and collaborate with entities better equipped to address needs, transferring responsibility for the same. Residents of the city are the most heavily taxed in the state. The condition of roads and provision of basic services ought to reflect that level of funding. Thank you.
6/10/2020 15:28	Valerie Bui	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Valerie Bui

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6/10/2020 15:43	Taylor Larsen	Hi All, I am a resident living near Trolley Square. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police?like far far far away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. In fact, the voice needs to be heard so badly that the county and state should look to you, Salt Lake City, as an example of how to successfully allocate resources to people and projects that improve our community, not police it. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. Mayor Mendenhall, what are you doing? The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. I've seen it happen firsthand and those people deserve respect, not more policing. They deserve help, not more policing. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Andrew Johnston, we used to work together at VOA. I know you are an advocate for positive change and I hope you specifically, as I know you, advocate for this 'til kingdom come. Defund the police and instead look to a People's budget. Thank you for your time, Taylor Larsen
6/10/2020 15:32	Zoe Myerson	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, UT. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Zoe Myerson

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6/10/2020 15:30	Cassandra Pollock	<p>Hello, My name is Cassandra Pollock and I work in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. T This is important to me because I bell've preventative measures will do much more to help our community thrive than the bulking up and militarization of the police force to just deal with the fallout of the problems in our community. As a healthcare worker, I have seen countless times preventative measures saving the lives of patients. To simply react only after there is a major problem and deal with the fallout means it is often times too late to intervene. I have taken care of a number of patients who were undiagnosed with health issues, and by the time they make it to me, their road to recovery is already more complex than if they had been diagnosed sooner. I do not envy the job the police are asked to do. It is a disservice to ask them to respond to the variety of situations they are called to with minimal training. I attended 3 years of nursing specific schooling, in addition to at least 2 years of prerequisite courses just to get into a nursing program, and I felt terrified entering the workforce as a Registered Nurse. I can't imagine having such a brief training program and then being handed a badge and a gun and be expected to do the job police do. They should have more training, and there should be more resources available to the community to prevent issues that are currently occupying the time of the police force. I hope instead of I'vesting this money to just deal with the fallout of the issues in our community, you I'vest \$30 million in community programs that help prevent the need for so many police officers. I'vest in programs that help the homeless and those suffering from poverty, which could help decrease rates of crime for theft and burglary. I'vest in mental health services to aid those who are struggling because they need mental support. I'vest in the Medicare/Medicaid program to help those who need healthcare be functioning members of society. I'vest in rehabilitation programs for individuals with substance abuse issues to help them recover. I'vest in after school programs for kids in low income areas who have less opportunities than others (because their schools lack funding because the property taxes in their district are lower and there's less money going into their schools than schools in more affluent neighborhoods). I'vest in the future.</p> <p>Sincerely, Cassandra Pollock, RN, BSN</p>

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6/10/2020 15:30	Elliott Keller	Hello, My name is Elliott and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, in the lower avenues area. I'm emailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least 30 million and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the Mayor, Erin Mendenhall, maintains a zero hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've the funds are better spent elsewhere, such as education, housing, transportation, the arts, healthcare, and addressing the growing homeless population in our city. I hope you I'vest 30 million wisely looking towards a safer and brighter future for your constituents. Sincerely, Elliott -- Elliott J. Keller
6/10/2020 15:31	Troy Wixom	

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6/10/2020 15:34	Charlotte Sullivan	Hello, My name is Charlotte Sullivan and I am a constituent of yours in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because community services are underfunded in SLC, especially homeless services, despite the fact the homeless are growing in number. To prevent a cycle of incarceration of POC and homeless in our city we must reallocate funds from the Police toward these services. Thank you so much for your time, Charlotte Sullivan

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6/10/2020 15:31	Anonymous Constituent	I appreciate all that you are doing to keep our finances in shape during these tough times. However, I would request that this year and in the future, SLC should attempt to reduce property taxes and fill in the balance with increases in sales tax. Property taxes are very hard on senior citizens. Many of us bought our properties in years past, and are now living on fixed incomes. Property values have skyrocketed, so we are paying higher taxes on our beloved homes than we ever bargained for. We do not want to be forced to move out. Take a lesson from California, which had to pass a provision to limit property tax increases. High property taxes are also detrimental to renters, because landlords pass the tax on by charging higher rents. This exacerbates the increase in housing cost, and reduces affordability of housing. Please increase sales tax and reduce property tax. Those of us on fixed income can lower our sales tax by choosing whether or not to spend more money to buy more stuff, but we cannot lower our property taxes without selling and moving.... what a heartbreak. Please have a heart and reduce property taxes!

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6/10/2020 15:33	Taylor Wright	I am a resident of Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time. -Taylor



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6/10/2020 15:35	Victoria Hacking	I am a resident of Mapleton, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Victoria Hacking,
6/10/2020 15:34	Eileen Stayner	Mr. Dugan: Thank you for being willing to serve in behalf of our great city. I am seriously disturbed by the talk about defunding our police dept. it's seems completely illogical to me. Why would we ever want to put ourselves into the potentially vulnerable position of needing police assistance and not being able to get it because they are stretched too thin to take care of the city's needs due to less funding? If we need better guidelines and more training for our police, or clearly defined procedures for culling out those that are operating outside of the rules, so be it. Let's do that. However, please don't cut their funding! Thank you, Eileen Stayner
6/10/2020 15:48	Tim May	Please stop this Defund the Police talk. Stop giving Donald Trump talking points. Talk about a comprehensive plan to improve services to our minority communities including improving police training. Timothy May

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6/10/2020 15:44	Chris Gleason	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Chris Gleason
6/10/2020 15:39	Cheyenne Larsen	Hello, My name is Cheyenne Larsen and I am a Salt Lake City resident. I demand a cut in the proposed police department budget of 30 million dollars. With those millions, I ask you to distribute to places that will help us address our highly prevalent issues of mental health, homelessness, rac'l'm in our police system and government, and also put that money into our education system. I demand the hire freeze last through the fiscal year. I demand the firing of Mike Brown. I am also demanding that the killers of Bernardo Palacios Carbajal be fired, and charged l'mediately. That any and every person put in jail due to the protests, particularly due to the unconstitutional curfew, be l'mediately released. -Cheyenne Larsen
6/10/2020 15:39	Rachel White	Dear SLC Council, Thank you for your work to adopt Salt Lake city's budget for the coming year. I wanted to be sure you saw this study about the positive benefits of community policing. I bell've we need a police department AND other supportive social services in order to address systemic inequality. <a href="https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-05-13/lapd-community-policing-program-prevented-crime-made-residents-feel-safer-study-finds">https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-05-13/lapd-community-policing-program-prevented-crime-made-residents-feel-safer-study-finds</a> Thank you for your time to read and consider my comments. Rachel White

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6/10/2020 15:40	Chloe Bruderer	Hello, My name is Chloe Bruderer I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've our community needs these funds more. Sincerely, Chloe Bruderer Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 15:40	Chloe Elliott	I am a resident of District 9. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utah's during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Chloe

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6/10/2020 15:52	Christopher Weed	Dear Salt Lake City City Council members, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Christopher Weed

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6/10/2020 15:57	Corey Miller	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Corey Miller
6/10/2020 15:53	Cindy H	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Cindy

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6/10/2020 16:03	David Roh	I am a resident of Salt Lake City . I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, David Roh
6/10/2020 15:42	Jose Angel Alvarez	Hello, My name is José Angel Alvarez and I am a RESIDENT of Salt Lake City, and STUDENT at Salt Lake Community College. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I bell've there are more efficient ways that we can l'vest that money. Community centers, libraries, ect. These are assets the community can use to better themselves. Warmly, José Angel Alvarez

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6/10/2020 15:43	Bryce Ferguson	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utah's during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Bryce Ferguson
6/10/2020 15:45	Chris Li	Hi Mayor Mendenhall, My name is Christopher Li. I am a student here in Salt Lake, and I am emailing you in regards to the upcoming vote regarding the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. The recent news regarding police brutality is not new; rather, it points to long-term, systemic flaws within the structures of policing. Therefore, it is readily apparent that prior to the vote, the city should make drastic cuts to the SLCPD. These cuts should be at least 30 million dollars. This money could be reallocated to actually assist minority communities, as opposed to further funding a department which does not hesitate to discriminate and oppress. Furthermore, I demand a hiring freeze on any new police officers during this fiscal year. The system is set up in a manner which hires inadequate and unqualified officers in a position that requires the utmost preparation and qualification. Until these high standards are reflected in hiring, no new officers should be appointed. This is vital; we are at a pivotal moment in history where the inadequacies of our policing system are more obvious than ever. I am not African-American. Neither are you, Mayor Mendenhall. I urge that you hear the voices of those oppressed by this broken policing system and enact real change to assist these communities that have been oppressed for centuries, not only by the police, but by the society that they claim to serve. I urge you to be a part of the change, and be an ally to those that have been discriminated against for centuries. Sincerely, Chris Li



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6/10/2020 15:43	Chloe Lehman	Hello, My name is Chloe Lehman and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I care deeply about this community. I love living in Salt Lake, but as with many others I'm incredibly concerned with the brutality and lack of accountability in our police force. Police officers are not equipped to handle the many issues they are called on to fix. Furthermore, police brutality, accompanied with a lack of accountability repercussions, is hurting Black and Brown people in my community disproportionately. No cop should ever become judge, jury, or executioner. I bell've \$30 million would be more useful in being distributed throughout the community to fund homeless services, mental health services, domestic violence services, etc. I bell've we are asking our police to do too much and We're also taking much needed funds away from other services and organizations that could help make our community safer, better, and more compassionate. Sincerely, Chloe Lehman
6/10/2020 15:44	Craig Greenberg	Council'man Wharton, I am reading articles online from news outlets and reactions on the next-door app. I am very concerned that knee jerk reactions on defunding the SLC Police Department to funnel monies to other priorities. At this time there are not enough officers patrolling the streets as it is. I am not going to go on a tangent, but everyone needs to take a deep breath and look at what is best for the city. Thank you Craig Greenberg
6/10/2020 15:45	Vince Hernandez	Hello, My name is Vincent and I am a resident and student here in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. The for-profit prison industrial machine needs to be broken down and rebuilt. Police brutality and rac'l'm is just the tip of the iceberg. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in education, social work, mental health care and other social programs. Sincerely, Vince Hernandez
6/10/2020 15:57	Logan West	Hello City Council Members and Mayor Mendenhall, my name is Officer West I have been employed by Salt Lake City Police Department'since January 2019 and have been a sworn officer since June 2019. I know all of you have heard the rumblings of reducing the police budget, this email is to ask you not to reduce the police budget. I know how critical funding is for the police department, not just for day to day operations, and training but also for employing high quality Officers. I can't foresee any circumstance or scenario where reducing the budget would be beneficial for the department, the city, and our great citizens. Reducing the budget will lead to higher crime rates, less training, and less protection for each of our citizens. Not only will police officers suffer, but there will be less money for our civilian employees, homeless outreach teams, and specialty squads such as CIT. I know that police officers are looked on very negatively especially in this day and age but myself and my fellow Officers devote our lives to serving and helping our community, reducing the budget will greatly reduce our ability to do so. If you truly have your city and its citizens as your number one priority you will not reduce the police budget. Thank you for your time. Respectfully, Officer West

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6/10/2020 15:59	Willm Rankin	Please do not defund the police. This is a ridiculous, ideological notion that simply will not work. Let other cities make this step and learn from them. If they are successful then follow suit. However I bell've we will see increased crime, especially traffic violations, which are already prevalent in Utah. This wi inevitably lead to higher fatalities on the roads.
6/10/2020 15:46	Taylor Wilkes	Hello, My name is Taylor Wilkes, and I am a resident, worker, and student of Salt Lake City. I love living here and I hope to keep it a safe place to live, that protects the rights of the people. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I don't want to see the place that so many people live and love contribute to the systematic violence against our brothers and sisters. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in social work and public schooling for our children, and other similar things that will truly be the thing to help our community and country. Sincerely, Taylor Wilkes
6/10/2020 15:45	Chris Loera Pena	Hello, My name is Christopher Loera Peña and I am a West Valley City resident, and University of Utah's student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because for too long people of color have been subject to years of systemic rac'l'm and oppression by the for profit prison system and police officers. I do not want myself or anyone else to feel like they have a target on their backs just because their skin is a darker color. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in schools to give teachers higher wages and inhospitals so more communities have access to necessary treatment. Sincerely, Christopher Loera Pena Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 15:51	Christina Jones	Hello All, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. This is important to me because there needs to be a balance in how the budget of the state is managed. All of the power cannot be in one place, and I hope that you agree with me that power lies in many other groups that have been defunded - education, the arts, housing services, libraries, and youth programs. I am worried for the very near future and the generation to come. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Christina Jones
6/10/2020 15:55	Clara Belitz	Hello Council, My name is Clara and I live and work in Holladay. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-20201 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to services for the community. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our communities deserve care and resources, not more police presence. I hope you instead I'veest that \$30 million in after school programs, housing assistance, and community-based public safety approaches. Thank you so much for your time. Best, Clara Belitz -- she/her/hers
6/10/2020 15:45	Christie Toth	Dear Amy, I am so grateful for your continued public leadership on the need to divert resources that currently go to the Salt Lake Police Department back to addiction and mental health treatment, as well as your recognition that city codes are often weaponized against community members of color. Please continue to lead the charge on putting our tax dollars toward social services rather than policing. You have our household?s full support and we will be there for you come election time. Sincerely, Christie Toth
6/10/2020 15:46	Chris Reisinger	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I know that increasing educational and economic opportunities in communties of color is more beneficial to our city than more police. Sincerely, Christian Reisinger

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6/10/2020 15:46	Chris Fl'mage	I am a resident of Salt lake city. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Chris F Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 15:48	Anonymous Constituent	The intent to defund our police force is absurd! Please don't listen to irrational, politically motivated and deceitfull plans to ruin our community and state. The police force is for saving lives and keeping our community a peaceful and humane place to live!

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6/10/2020 15:48	Christien Alba	Hello, My name is Christien Alba and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, in fact I live across from the Capitol. I'm emailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least 30 million and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the Mayor, Erin Mendenhall, maintains a zero hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe the funds are better spent elsewhere, such as education, social work, environment, healthcare, poverty including addressing the growing homeless population in our city. I hope you invest 30 million wisely looking towards a safer and brighter future for your constituents. Regards. Christien Alba
6/10/2020 15:51	Ava Sandberg	Hello, My name is Ava Sandberg and I am a University of Utah student. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. The police are given too little training and too many jobs. Taking money from the police and putting into community based service can prevent crime, rather than just treat the symptoms. Additionally, many of issues that are criminalized and dealt with by the police would be better handled by public services focused on that social or public health issue. Issues such as illegal drug use, homelessness, and mental health crises are often dealt with by the police, but with little training and access to lethal means, this situation isn't often handled well by police officers. Investing \$30 million in programs that could dispatch mental health specialist to crisis situations or specific social workers working to help unhoused populations maintain safety, hygiene, and long term change could not only greatly benefit the people that are currently criminalized, but also take a work load of police officers that simply do not have the expertise required to handle these situations well. Sincerely, Ava Sandberg
6/10/2020 15:53	Wyatt Freda-Cowie	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Wyatt Freda-Cowie

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6/10/2020 16:01	Ciana Bataineh	Hello, My name is Ciana Bataineh and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've in supporting communities in the way they are being asked to be supported. Right now, that is not through police. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in housing the homeless, recreation areas, and education. Sincerely, Ciana Bataineh Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 15:51	Christine Doman	<p>Dear Representative Valdemoros, Please defund the Salt Lake Police Department. We need to spend money in ways that protect and support all of us. I live at 300 S and 600 East in the house I grew up in. Police are a regular feature of this neighborhood, and I struggle to imagine a common scenario where my calling the police would help. Sometimes people without homes wind up in my neighborhood shouting and clearly disturbed. What am I supposed to do? This person needs help. This person needs a social worker, health care, safe housing, maybe a drug program, and definately mental health care. If I call the police what can'tthey even do? Their only tools are incarceration and violence. Do I need to tell you what is likely to happen if that person in need is not white?</p> <p>&lt;<a href="https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/interactive/2020/05/mapping-police-killings-black-americans-200531105741757.html">https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/interactive/2020/05/mapping-police-killings-black-americans-200531105741757.html</a>&gt; Black people in Utah make up only 1.06% of the population but make up 10% of all people killed by Utah police.</p> <p>&lt;<a href="https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/interactive/2020/05/mapping-police-killings-black-americans-200531105741757.html">https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/interactive/2020/05/mapping-police-killings-black-americans-200531105741757.html</a>&gt; Black Utahans are disproportionately killed at a rate higher than in any other state. Is this a distinction we can'ttolerate? Is this a distinction we can'ttolerate? Who is being served or protected? There is no evidence that body cameras reduce police violence.</p> <p>&lt;<a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/20/upshot/a-big-test-of-police-body-cameras-defies-expectations.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/20/upshot/a-big-test-of-police-body-cameras-defies-expectations.html</a>&gt; Minneapolis attempted toreform their police departments &lt;<a href="https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/05/28/before-george-floyd-s-death-minneapolis-police-failed-to-adoptreforms-remove-bad-officers">https://www.themarshallproject.org/2020/05/28/before-george-floyd-s-death-minneapolis-police-failed-to-adoptreforms-remove-bad-officers</a>&gt; and Philando Castile and George Floyd are still dead. I will concede that the only situation I can imagine the present police force being helpful is in an active shooter scenario. I desperately hate that we live in a country where that is even a problem, but it is thankfully rare. The police kill more people every year than mass shooters. &lt;<a href="https://ips-dc.org/police-killed-people-last-year-mass-shooters/">https://ips-dc.org/police-killed-people-last-year-mass-shooters/</a>&gt; Why do we care about this now? There should be a social contract. We all live together and we should all take care of eachother. Like you I am white and privileged. We broke the contract. For years we have sat by while people of color are killed by the police, and kicked out of housing, and sent to terrible schools next to toxic waste and now we sit by while people of color are being killed by a virus and abandoned by the government. People can only take so much. Please stop spending such an outsize portion of our budget institution that only protects some of us. Spend our tax dollars building institutions that help all of us. Minneapolis is doing it. Let'salt Lake City be next. -- Christine Doman</p>

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6/10/2020 15:52	Ciara Khor-Brogan	Hello, My name is Ciara Khor-Brogan and I am a freshman college student at UC Berkeley and a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me, because I can't stand by while the money that could be used to rebuild neighborhoods and communities is instead being used to arm police officers with weapons and tactics that will only cause further terror, unrest and crime. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in funding jobs, educational opportunities, and health care resources in communities that desperately need these services. Sincerely, Ciara Khor-Brogan
6/10/2020 15:56	Cole Sax	Hello, My name is Cole Sax and I am a registered voter in Salt Lake City, UT. I first off want to note that I have the upmost respect for the city of Salt Lake. I am writing to you today in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services such as increasing teacher salaries and hiring new teachers. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is extremely important to me as we watch the militarization of the police force reach new heights while attention has been diverted from social services that are beneficial to our communities. Thank you for your time.
6/10/2020 15:51	JONATHAN MORRISON	I would like to request that SLC defunds the SLC PD and redirects funds towards our communities by increasing education spending, I'veesting in social programs, and and mental health responders who can respond in helpful and productive ways to different needs. As a pastor in the city, I see and get to participate in the power of social I'vestment every day.
6/10/2020 15:53	Caroline Anderson	I am a resident of District 28. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Caroline Anderson



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6/10/2020 15:54	Vy Pham	Hello, My name is Vy Pham and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the system needs to change. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in education, public health, schools, helping the homeless, bring food for the people in need. Sincerely, vy pham
6/10/2020 15:54	Cintia Lastra	Hello, My name is Cintia Lastra and I am a concerned resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I know this is the change necessary to aid our community and those living within. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million into Education, Mental Health Programs, Government assisted housing. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Cintia Lastra Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 15:54	CJ Jackson	Hi, my name is Caitlyn Jackson and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've the funds are better spent elsewhere in the betterment of our community, such as education, housing, transportation, healthcare, and addressing the growing homeless population in our city. I hope you I've \$30 million wisely looking towards a safer and brighter future for your constituents. Thank you for your time, Caitlyn Jackson
6/10/2020 16:01	Cyera Rainaldi	I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year.

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6/10/2020 15:55	Zoe Fetters	I am a resident of Salt Lake for 10 years now. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Zoë Fetters
6/10/2020 16:02	Carina- Chavez	Hello, My name is Carina Chavez and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because police across the country are literally getting away with murder. As part of the Latin community, I feel less safe with a police presence than I do without. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into education and much needed resources on the West side. We look to you, our government, to raise the community up rather than protect those who abuse their powers bestowed by you. Sincerely, Carina Chavez Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 16:06	Chl'ma Okoro	To whom it may concern, My name is Chl'ma Okoro and I'm a resident of Salt Lake City. I'm calling in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the Salt Lake City Police Department budget by at least 30 million dollars, and reallocate to community building services. I also demand the mayor must maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Police defunding is important to me because it affects my community the most. As a black girl, I haven't had any experiences with the police but my parents have. They have both been treated unfairly by law enforcement because of the color of their skin. These injustices could have definitely been avoided if there the system wasn't built on rac'l'm. Police defunding would decrease police brutality and increase human rights being exalted like they should be. My hope is that you I'vest the 30 million dollar cut to homeless shelters and low income familes for food and shelter security. This would help lower the amount of low income familes and homelessness in the state and help the state economically as a whole. Wishes for police defunding isn't in vain. It would shape a better future of a state that we care for. Sincerely, Chl'ma Okoro

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6/10/2020 16:00	Brenda Regalado	Hello, My name is Brenda Regalado and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Brenda Regalado Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 16:03	Tyler Parsons	Hello, My name is Tyler Parsons and I am a Resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in first responders for mental health crises, the COVID-19 pandemic, school systems(counselors and teachers), social workers, city infrastructure, and aid for the homeless and families in need. Sincerely, Tyler Parsons Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 15:56	Hannah Wihelmsen	Hello, My name is Hannah Wilhelmsen and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our police force is using an unnecessary amount of money that should instead be I'vested in the uplifting of Salt Lake city's most vulnerable populations. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in social services and mental healthcare, our city's public schools, and housing assistance. Money I'vested in providing social services (utilizing social workers and licensed mental health professionals) for our city's vulnerable populations (such as, our citizens of color, school-age children, and impoverished/homeless population) will only strengthen these individuals/families, and, in turn, strengthen this great city. Sincerely, Hannah Wilhelmsen
6/10/2020 15:58	Crista Mendez	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Crista Mendez

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6/10/2020 15:59	Tory Morrison	I urge yo to reallocte funds from the police force to other social services. Whether you agree with abolition or not, it isn't hard to see that police are a massive draw on the wealth and resources of our communities. Our police have been bankrupting our city for years. Consistently and absolutely gutting taxpayers of money. We are funding the back end of social ills, instead of the front end of addressing them. There are smarter ways to structure our budgets. Some of this is big picture, like making significant, long-term changes to how our city budget addresses affordable housing, youth programs, mental health services, addiction treatment options, jobs programs, education, etc. But there are also some really concrete, specific examples of what that ?prevention, not punishment? approach can look like. Please consider other approaches to helping our communities. Thank you.
6/10/2020 15:59	Tonya Allred	Dear Council Members, In light of recent events happening throughout the country, and here in our city, I strongly encourage you to consider the funding provided to our Police department! I know of so many people that are asking to have our Police force defunded. I ask for the opposite!! Please increase funding for our Police department, to provide the funds necessary for considerably more training, as well as better pay for the officers that, day in, and day out put their lives on the line, in the name of safety and justice. Our Police force is under staffed, and underpaid! This needs to change in order to attract recruits that want to serve and protect our communities. What these men and women do, is nothing short of noble! They should be rewarded for their choice to protect us, and disciplined correctly when they choose to violate the trust we put in them. Thank you for your consideration. Tonya Allred
6/10/2020 16:01	Deb Tsao	Hello, My name is Deb and I am a constituent of yours. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by AT LEAST \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead you I'vest \$30 million in housing, transit, education, rehabilitation, community based safety measures, rape recovery, and healthcare. I do not support SLCPD and I do not want to see my tax money support them. Thank you for your time.
6/10/2020 16:04	Christine Jenkin	Hello, My name is Christine Jenkin and I am a resident and work in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our government should be looking out for what's best for it's residents, all if them, that means accessible medical care and insurance, affordable housing, education access to all, family planning care and more. All these will help SLC become a compassionate community, more police will not, community is not built on fear and oppression. I hope instead, you I'vest the \$30 million in programs that build up our community and help everyone no matter their gender, ethnicity or income. Sincerely, Christine Jenkin

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6/10/2020 16:05	Tracy Fraatz	Hello, My name is Tracy Fraatz and I am a recent high school graduate from Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I demand that the city council also fund community based models of safety support and prevention. I also further demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I have been a victim of racism. I have seen how racism can affect people, specially if said racist individuals have positions of power. I freeze every time I see a cop because I do not know if I will be discriminated against and/or? be harmed in any way. It is exhausting to feel that way everyday. We need change. and we need it now. I received a letter from you, congratulating me for my acceptance at the University of Utah. I thank you sincerely for that. I would like for you to imagine that perhaps one day I could be a victim of police brutality. I would die and there would be no justice for what would happen to me. All the achievements and all the benefits that our community would have because of any work I could do would never happen. My parents would be saddened, broken-hearted, but would probably have no justice. I would just be another statistic. I am not black, I will never understand or feel what they have felt for hundreds of years in America. I am Hispanic, so I can sympathize nonetheless. So I ask you, please help us. Help the community that many have forgotten and left to rot. I can see you are not a bad person. So please, please, help us. Please use the money that goes towards the SLCPD to support mental health services, hospitals, housing and other programs to help communities in need. I believe you will do whatever is best for the community. I just sincerely hope to it is also what's best for every single individual as well. Sincerely, Tracy Fraatz Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 16:02	Cyera Rainaldi	Hello, My name is Cyera and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there are communities and organizations all over this valley that could truly use these funds to further help their cause and progress Salt Lake City even more. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million into funding social workers, paramedics, psychologists and other alternative first responders to 911 calls that are more educated on each specific case. Sincerely, Cyera Rainaldi
6/10/2020 16:04	Lee Ivy Viosin	Hello, My name is Lee Ivy Viosin and I am resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in community programs that uplift every resident of SLC and gives them an equal opportunity to strive for self- actualization. Sincerely, Lee Ivy Viosin Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 16:22	Dianne Olschewski	Hello, My name is Dianne Olschewski and I am a RESIDENT OF Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in our educational system, and community programs. Thanks, Dianne Olschewski
6/10/2020 16:02	Talina Carlon	Hello, My name is Talina Carlon and I am a Resident and student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because these funds should go towards more training along with social workers and education. Police brutality is real and we all need to realize this. All lives can't matter until Black Lives Matter! I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in educating others and using this money for the homeless population and use of social workers. Sincerely, Talina Carlon
6/10/2020 16:05	Willard Cron	Hello, My name is Willard Cron and I am a resident, student & lover of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our community deserves a better infrastructure not focused on policing, but growing as a strong community I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in our education system. Empower our teachers to be financially at peace, empower pedestrians of the city with better public transit, and assist in our homeless communities by providing better shelters! Sincerely, Willard Cron
6/10/2020 16:07	Tess Cook	Hello, My name is Tess Cook and I am a RESIDENT Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope you I'vest that money in education and social programs. Sincerely, Tess Cook

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6/10/2020 16:08	Eoin Becan Gaj	Dear members of the Salt Lake City counsel, I am writing to ask you to consider cutting the police budget and redirecting these funds towards social services for minority and disadvantaged communities. In light of the continued hostility and violence by members of the police department towards people of color, I do not think it is appropriate to continue to increase the Department's budget, and a new approach needs to be taken that helps people of color instead of targeting them. I am currently a medical student at the University of Utah, but prior to this I worked for many years as an EMT in Salt Lake City. I worked alongside the police department and got to meet many excellent officers and I have a great respect for them. However, I also saw that the majority of the work that the police actually do is more along the lines of social work and does not involve responding to dangerous situations. This is not in line with the mentality of many officers or in keeping with the training that officers receive in the police academy. Therefore, I bell've that the citizens of Salt Lake City, and especially people of color, will be better served by a reduction in the funding and responsibilities of the police force, and an increase in actual social workers and social services. Sincerely, Eoin Gaj Eoin Gaj (Owen Guy)
6/10/2020 16:02	Malachi Taylor	Hello, My name is Malachi Taylor and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police. I hope instead, you l'vest 30 million dollars in furthering education/ special needs education, and well as developing black neighborhoods. Sincerely, Malachi Taylor Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 16:14	Kaitlin Murray	I am a resident of Salt Lake City I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,



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6/10/2020 16:05	Daley Yoshimura	Hello, My name is Daley Yoshimura and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there are far more important things that need funding, especially during a world-wide pandemic where Utah and Salt Lake City are seeing spikes in cases. People are fighting to live, while the police force are injuring, attacking, & killing citizens. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in a trace & test program for COVID-19, & providing support for the homeless. Sincerely, Daley Yoshimura
6/10/2020 16:21	Devon Essick	I am a resident of Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Devon Essick
6/10/2020 16:22	Devon Jecmen	Hello, My name is Devon Jecmen and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the system has failed communities around our country for decades, you could say since our country was formed. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in Salt Lake city's disproportionately affected communities such as Mexican and Black communities as well as the education system. Sincerely, Devon Jecmen

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6/10/2020 16:06	Damian Floring	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Damian Floring
6/10/2020 16:12	Danielle Carman	Hello, My name is Danielle Carman and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to our community truly being safe, and relocating funds towards social services that would better serve the community. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in school, in housing the unhoused, in mental healthcare, and other programs that the policing should not have to be in charge of, and frankly, when they are, they are not doing it right. Sincerely, Danielle Carman
6/10/2020 16:16	Deedee Olsen	Hello, My name is Deirdre Olsen and I am a WORKER IN Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Deirdre Olsen
6/10/2020 16:06	Dana Joe	Hello, My name is Dana Joe and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, worker in Medical Personnel, and Student at the University of Utah. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, and low income communities. Sincerely, Dana Joe

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6/10/2020 16:06	Tanner Nelson	Hello, My name is Tanner Nelson and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because you can see in the results in our very own neighborhoods, we are not properly addressing the issues of mental health or homelessness. Responding to these key systemic issues with police has not improved our circumstance, and it's time to try something new. it's time to lead a movement that brings about a better future for all of us. For these reasons I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into affordable housing, mental health programs, feeding the needy, and consciously dl'mantling every bit of systematic racI'm and oppression that exists in our system today. Sincerely, Tanner Nelson
6/10/2020 16:07	Daniel Watson	Hello, My name is Daniel Watson and I am a resident of Salt Lake City and an employee at the Universityof Utah. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I urge the city to make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million before Tuesday's vote, and reallocate the money to community building and other important social services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. SLC does not need more police, and given what we saw with police violence last week, police should be reprimanded and significantly defunded. This is important to me because I do not bell've that more money, especially taxpayer money, should go toward funding an institution that does nothing but deliver violence to a significant portion of our population. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in ANYTHING ELSE, from funding for homeless shelters and services, to MORE MONEY FOR SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION - this money can be better spent in ways that research shows is more beneficial to fixing major societal issues and injustices than a violent, essentially paramilitary, police force. Sincerely, Daniel Watson, MA
6/10/2020 16:08	Kaila mleso	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, UT I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,

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6/10/2020 16:11	Kailen Fernandez	<p>Dear Ana, I support community policing and a complete restructuring and revaluation of our police force. I overall support both the document put forth by the Utah BLM, and the changes proposed by the NAACP. I do have personal experiance with the police here in Salt Lake where they have been slow to arrive, failed to act in a caring and protective manner, and seemed dl'missive of the safety of non-white people in our nieghborhood. I have a few concerns and ideas I'd like to share; The police do currently take a huge role in public safety. Some examples are protecting victims of domestic violence and also protecting highway workers and disabled vehicles. I would not want during this transitional time or in the future for these important roles to be neglected. I do bell've that potentially police are not needed to fill all the current roles they do, but nonetheless these roles must continue to be filled by qualified people, police or otherwise. I understand the SLC does already have a civilian review board (<a href="http://www.slcpcd.com/resources/civilianreviewboard">http://www.slcpcd.com/resources/civilianreviewboard</a> &lt;<a href="http://www.slcpcd.com/resources/civilianreviewboard/">http://www.slcpcd.com/resources/civilianreviewboard/</a>&gt; /). I also understand there are three current vacancies. As I look at the site it is not clear just what the time comml'ment and qualifications are, what the training includes, or if there is compensation available. If we want those positions filled it is probably necessary to provide more public information about them, and perhaps compensate for the time given. Many that might want to serve may not have the privilege to spend significant time volunteering. I would like to l'mediately see more of our police out of their cars. I see cop cars at Liberty Park every day, I have only once since the start of the pandemic seen a single cop out of their car. I look to New Jersey (<a href="https://www.newsweek.com/minneapolis-not-first-disband-police-department-1509327">https://www.newsweek.com/minneapolis-not-first-disband-police-department-1509327</a>) for example of the need to create positive interactions with the police; and that doesn't happen through a closed car window. I also feel that city planning has been lacking, and that this is an important part of the long term solution to racial and economic parity. When out-of-state money is used to build million dollar houses along 600 East, 500 East, 900 South and other downtown neighborhoods they push those with less privilege and means further away from the downtown areas where jobs, services, grocery stores, public transportation and medical centers are. <b>1 of 2 *Continued Below*</b></p>
6/10/2020 16:11	Kailen Fernandez	<p>2 of 2 *Continued Above* When 5G towers are sprung up across our city with no integration to street lighting, power and existing utilities they hold back the home value for those l'vested and LIVING in our neighborhoods. These two things, the need for home owners to be rewarded for their l'vestment, and the need for affordable housing are often at odds; and much more careful deliberation and planning should be taken than I currently see. Where are the commuter bike paths so those living in SLC can be free from the cost and burden of car ownership? Where are more busses and TRAX expansions? Why are we widening I-15 without leveraging that privileged white suburban money into inner city transportation or into affordable units in those suburbs located near transit? Why are We'rewarding those privileged enough to ride alone in their car with free carpool access during construction instead or rewarding those who carpool? There are l'mediate concerns we need to address, but we also need to look long term, what protections and plans can'this city make to promote and achl've racial equality and economic opportunity for all for decades to come. Although some of these issues lie at the state level I encourage you to work closely with all levels of government towards both short and long term equality. With gratitude,</p>

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6/10/2020 16:15	CADE ANDERSON	Hi, my name is Cade Anderson and I am a resident and student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020 to 2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's <x-apple-data-detectors://0> vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because of the clear trend of police treating human life with disrespect, even here in our own city. Students do not feel safer when police forces increase in size and power. The 30 million in reallocated funds would do much more for the safety of our city if channeled into our schools, parks, Medicare, and homelessness aid programs. Thank you for your time, Cade Anderson
6/10/2020 16:16	Vivian Bentley	Hello, My name is Vivian Bentley and I am a constituent of yours. I am e-mailing regards to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget, by at least 30 million, and re-allocate the money to community services. I hope instead that the money is l'vested in education, rent relief, medical insurance and other programs that benefit the community. Thank you for your time. Best, Vivian
6/10/2020 16:13	Danielle McComb	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Danielle McComb
6/10/2020 16:26	Dylan Cole	Less than 60 years ago police were actively participating in and covering up lynchings throughout the United States of America. Since that time America instituted Civil rightsreform but has largely left the police organizations that participated in such violent acts alone. Its time for that to change. We need more preventative actions to reduce crime instead of reactionary measures that imprison and destroy families throughout this city, state, and nation. The police in this nation perpetuate a cycle of oppression->poverty->crime->racl'm->oppression. We must break this cycle and I bell've that Salt Lake City has the ability to be an example for the rest of the nation. Thank you, Dylan Cole

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6/10/2020 16:34	Elsa Dillman	Hello, My name is Elsa Dillman and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. Before voting on the budget, I think as a city we ought to make drastic cuts to the SLCPD. 30 million is a good place to start. These funds should be reallocated to the community. Our future depends on the well being of the entire community and police are not the solution for many of the issues we face here in SLC but across the nation. Other cities such as Minneapolis have led this path forward by voting to disband the police all together. We may not be ready to take such drastic actions here, but we can take the first step and make incremental changes toward a safer future without the inherent racism of police. To go along with decreasing funds, I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me for a multitude of reasons, but foremost is that I love this city and I believe we can do better. As I said above, police are not the solution - we should not have to invite poorly trained, armed officers into our lives at our most vulnerable moments. I would like to see these redistributed in our community via climate initiatives, social welfare expansion, healthcare, and education. Sincerely, Elsa.
6/10/2020 16:15	Trevor Jensen	Hello, My name is Trevor Jensen and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you choose to invest \$30 million in community resources, services, and peaceful interventionists. For example, citizens who experience an episode(s) of mental or emotional distress, should be responded to by trained and experienced professionals who have experience in this area. We have too many examples to reference of police responding to situations that do not require or even benefit from their harmful presence. Police escalate so many situations that they are not trained to handle, leading to misinformed and fatal decisions. We can do so much better. Sincerely, Trevor Jensen
6/10/2020 16:20	Derik Hasvold	Hello, My name is Derik Hasvold and I am a constituent of yours. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I feel community services are underserved in our city and police budget increases do not correlate with improved quality of life for Salt Lake city's citizens. I hope you invest the \$30 million in things such as healthcare, education, reducing homelessness, and infrastructure. Thank you so much for your time, Derik

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6/10/2020 16:27	Elena Shanin	Hello, My name is Elena and I'm a constituent in the 4th SLC District. I'm writing with regards to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I would like to urge the SL Council to consider cuts to SLPD's 2021 fiscal budget. They are already on a soft hiring freeze -- extend that freeze through all of 2021 fiscal year. Additionally, cut the SLPD budget by at least \$30 million. An organization that has so little oversight and input from the community should not have such a substantial portion of the city's budget. The Police Department's self-stated priorities within its mission statement are to "preserve life and maintain human rights" and yet police officers recently shot a young man, Bernardo Palacios, over 20 times when he was running away. I request that the funds instead be I'vested in more affordable housing near public transit hubs, social services for homeless and domestic violence victims, and more money to the Department of Sustainability to help provide grants that will allow SLC to more quickly reach the goal of 100% renewable electricity generation. Thank you for your time, Elena Shanin District 4 resident for 7 years
6/10/2020 16:29	Eliza Kunz	Hello, My name is Eliza Kunz and I am a teacher in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I have seen the power that quality education and community building can have, and I know that crime rates would drop if we I'vested in our community. Sincerely, Eliza Kunz
6/10/2020 16:16	Dawn Davis	Hello, My name is Dawn Davis and I am an artist in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our community deserves more resources for the very visible homeless population, local refugees, children, and other underserved groups. The police force isn't worth what we, the taxpayers, are paying for. They continue to use excessive force, particularly towards minorities. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in preventing homelessness, feeding families going through financial hardship, new low cost or free health clinics, and more free art programs for SLC youth. Warm regards, Dawn H Davis



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6/10/2020 16:19	Deirdre Straight	<p>To The Council Members: I am a resident of District 7 and have great respect for Council Member Amy Fowler. I ask that council look seriously at the current and proposed funding for the Salt Lake City Police Department with eye to funding robust social services. In light of the atrocious deaths of unarmed people of color by the police around the country and here in Salt Lake, the militarization of police departments, the underfunding of social services and public l'vestment, as well as and the real social and emotional needs of our Salt Lake city'school District students, our community must l'mediately reconsider our current budgetary comml'ments. As an active parent at Highland High School, I can'tell you that there are students, parents, teachers and administrators at Highland and at other high schools who desperately want social workers in our high schools. And although I am unaware of any complaints against the School Resource Officers who have served at Highland ? actually one of my sons described the recently assigned officers as ?homies? ? I would love to see data about the incidents to which they're'spond. In fact, I will be requesting this information from the school and school district. Are these matters better handled by social workers? Is there a real need for a constant police presence in our high schools? What else can we learn from the data? We have many students experiencing homelessness, or have been resettled to Salt Lake from distant countries, or who are enduring so many other crises who need professional help, guidance and resources. They also need better educational and employment opportunities. We must l'vest more in our children. My other request is that as the City works with the police department on budgetary and other issues, a serious review of police culture occurs. Much has been said about the ?warrior? vs. ?guardian? culture found in so many departments. Where do we stand? There are, without question, excellent officers, but how is our overall mindset and approach? As a biracial mom with biracial children, including two sons, my white husband and I have had to have "the talk" with our kids several times about how to interact with police officers, heaven forbid the need arises, explaining that although they might not do anything wrong, their skin color puts them at risk. it's a dreadful position to be in as a parent. Moreover, I have heard and read numerous interviews with police officers who feel like they are often called in to handle matters for which they are not trained, particularly in the area of mental health. Would community based teams of social workers, mental health and substance abuse professionals, and guardian officers be the combination our city needs? Please take this opportunity to dive deeply into who we collectively want to be as residents of Salt Lake City. Please hear from as many stakeholders as possible including the ones who aren't emailing or calling but also have critical insights. Thank you for consideration, Deirdre Straight</p>

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6/10/2020 16:22	Diane Sanders	Hello, My name is Diane Sanders and I am a 39 year old, white female, self employed, resident of Salt Lake County. I am emailing in reference to the future of humanity and the peril of our city, state, country, world and planet. Today, I specifically want to address the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I please ask, no demand (which feels weird to say as I don't do the demand thing, but here we are!) that before Tuesday's vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocates the money to community building services. I also demand (please!) that the Mayor maintains a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year, as it's abundantly clear that no one seems to hold them and their superiors accountable for their actions. The first 15-20 years of my life I thought the police were supposed to be the helpers. So, who are we, the people, especially african-americans and people of color, supposed to call when the helpers are the ones doing the hurting? Ghostbusters?? I hope instead, you choose to I'vest \$30 million or more on the following; education and schools, healthcare; including mental health and addiction/recovery services, humanitarian aid, anti-rac'l'm efforts, homelessness, housing and community development, parks and recreation, locally owned and operated small businesses, re-defining our democracy to establish TRUE EQUALITY and justice system that works for ALL. Thank you for reading, Diane Sanders
6/10/2020 16:16	Benjamin Gr'l'mig	Hello, My name is Ben Gr'l'mig and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make cuts to the SLCPD, and reallocate the money to community building services. This is important to me because I would like to see SLC adopt a more holistic, proactive approach to public safety, rather than a violent, reactive approach that disproportionately harms people of color. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education. Sincerely, Ben Gr'l'mig
6/10/2020 16:25	Zoe Baumann	Hello, My name is Zoe Baumann and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in community building, education, and aid towards those in need. Sincerely, Zoe Baumann
6/10/2020 16:29	Tory Guilfoyle	Hello, My name is Tory Guilfoyle and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've there is a better way to keep our community safe without police. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in environmental protections, healthcare, art, culture, social services, state and national parks, planned parenthood, and other I'vestments towards creating a safe environment to live without fear of police brutality. Sincerely, Tory Guilfoyle

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6/10/2020 16:30	Trisha Munns	Hi, my name is Trisha Munns and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make DRASTIC cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there is a gross imbalance of funding throughout our community. Realities of where money is allocated have come to my attention and I feel the amount of money that is given to the SLCPD is highly unnecessary when education continually gets less funding and is vastly more important. I hope instead you I'vest that \$30 million dollars into education where it is so very needed. Teachers should NOT be having to buy crayons and other supplies for their students with their own embarrassingly small wages. Let's put that money where it will actually make a positive impact. Thank you so much for your time. Sincerely, Trisha Munns
6/10/2020 16:17	Tessa Larsen	Hello, My name is Tessa and I live near Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in stable housing, education, and substance abuse programs that will have a much greater effect on reducing issues we task the police with. This is important to me because I've seen firsthand how much better community building services solve substance abuse issues than the police. Sincerely, Tessa Larsen
6/10/2020 16:19	blaine Hostetler	Dear Mayor Mendenhall, My name is Blaine Hostetler and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the you maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I love Utah, and bell've that a life elevated is deserving of all salt lake residents. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in: - The Public Education System. With this money reallocated into SLC school districts, Salt Lake could hire 235 new teachers and give all teachers a 20% raise. - Utah Housing Crisis/ Utah Housing Gap. If these funds for the police were reallocated, Salt Lake City could provide rent relief to residents for 24,291 months, or 2,024 years. - Healthcare For All. With the lack of healthcare available for many, Salt Lake City can use this \$30 million to provide medical insurance for 5,530 individuals, or 2,140 families. - Normalizing Mental Health. Salt Lake City can lead by example and become a resource for those that are struggling and give residents 333,333 free therapy sessions. - Helping the Homeless Population/ Low Income Families. With the police budget reallocated, \$30 million dollars could become 2.3 million meals, or 6,322 meals per day for those who don't know where or how they will get food to survive next. Sincerely, Blaine Hostetler

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6/10/2020 16:25	Diya Shah	Hello again, My name is Diya Shah and I am a constituent of yours. I am calling in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the history of policing is about protecting white property and the evidence suggests that an institution created to protect whiteness has never served communities of color and poor people. Every instance of police brutality serves as a reminder that police has too much power. I hope instead you I'veest \$30 million in education, social services and housing. Thank you so much for your time, Diya Shah
6/10/2020 16:26	Vreni Romang	Hello, My name is Vreni Romang and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million towards better harm-reduction plans (for drug abuse victims) and for more resources for people who are homeless, or nearly homeless. Sincerely, Vreni Romang Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 16:38	Emily Adler	Hello, My name is Emily Adler and I am a resident and CFO of a tech company in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we cannot move towards a more just and equal society when we prioritize policing over human and community services. There is evidence of the success of this type of approach in Camden, NJ and Portugal. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in public education, mental health services, health insurance access, and drug rehab facilities. Sincerely, Emily Adler Please excuse any typos, this was sent from my iPhone.
6/10/2020 16:41	Emily Ortega	Hello, My name is Emily Ortega and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. As a resident of Salt Lake City, this is important to me because I wish to see this city'serve its community by I'veesting \$30 million in community building services. Sincerely, Emily Diana Ortega Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 16:18	Deidrene Crisanto	Hello, My name is Deidrene Crisanto and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I work with extremely vulnerable populations who are escaping domestic violence and it is a known fact that police forces are full of domestic abusers. It is against my conscious to refer people to help escaping their abusers only to be thrust into the hands of an abusive system. I am a person of color who does not feel comfortable utilizing police services and know that defunding our police department and I've investing those funds into our community can make the need for violent policing obsolete. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in public services: schools, mental health resources, data-driven public health services that help marginalized people, and housing for those who don't have it currently. Sincerely, Deidrene Crisanto Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 16:18	Zahra Barkley	I am a resident of district 5. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Zahra Barkley
6/10/2020 16:19	Xavia Vicente	Hello, My name is Xavia Vicente and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Xavia Vicente Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 16:26	Drew Plavchak	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Drew Plavchak
6/10/2020 16:20	Kaitlin Smith	Hello, I am a resident of downtown Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also ask that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because it pains me to see more funding allocated toward the over-policing of our communities rather than enforcing the masonry of our moral infrastructure as a city and going toward things we desperately need. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in homeless outreach and aid, mental health resources, education, and greener mass transit. Thank you for your time.
6/10/2020 16:36	Kaitlyn Skinner	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utah's during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Thank you for your time,

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6/10/2020 16:20	Devin Wakefield	Hello, My name is Devin Wakefield and I am a resident of and employee in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 40 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because, while I have people of color in my immediate family who are at constant risk from the police, it's not necessary to personally know someone who is endangered to feel empathy and want no harm to come to them due to overwhelming systemic prejudice. I hope instead, you invest \$40 million in education, free public mental health services, free public health care, and affordable housing measures in the downtown and surrounding area. Sincerely, Devin Wakefield
6/10/2020 16:21	Tate Cronk	Hello, My name is Tate Cronk and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million into our schools and for teachers salary. Sincerely, Tate
6/10/2020 16:21	Birk Evavold	I am not in favor of a full 30% cut of police budget, but I feel there should be a reallocation of enough money to ensure all officers have functional bodycams and additional support of social workers. I am in favor of these items being removed from the spending discretion of the police department and placed elsewhere within the city's budget. SLCPD is not immune to systemic issues and a progressive city budget should reflect SLC's goals to limit opportunities of police brutality.
6/10/2020 16:22	Victoria Kasarjian	Hello, My name is Victoria Kasarjian. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Victoria Kasarjian
6/10/2020 16:22	Kaitlyn Clegg	Hello, I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in education, homeless shelters, mental health services.



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6/10/2020 16:22	Anonymous Constituent	With the recent protest occuring here around the United States the police departments, including the Salt Lake PD, have shown everyone living in the United States that the militarization of their department is in response to anti-blackness that has plagued this nation since colonizers first stole the land from Native American people. The response to peaceful protest in Salt Lake is shameful. Tear gassing and enforcing a curfew to target people protesting for their very lives is beyond revolting. Mayor Erin Mendenhall and Governer Gary Herbert haven proven themselves to be unfit for leaders in their weak response to the pandemic, which killed people that needn't have died, and standing with the oppressors of black people in their silence and terrible response to the protests. The budget for police reduced as the purchase of tear gas, rubber bullets, automatic and the semi automatic weapons should cease permanetly. This money should then be diverted to education and social programs in places that are needed the most. The police department of Salt Lake City has proven that they are not iterested in the safety of the citizens but rather a power trip and a direct attack on citizen's right to gather and march. It is shameful that this nation and state has forced people to march admist a pandemic that will likely take more lives than neccessary.
6/10/2020 16:23	Dominick Ducote	Hi, My name is Dominick, and I'm a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've that the militarization of police forces is entirely counterproductive to the ?protect and serve? idea that the police claims to follow. How can one protect and serve their community when they're pointing a rifle at the back of the community, pinning the community to the ground with their knee on the People's neck. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in social services, healthcare, and education. By improving and increasing funds in these foundations of society, among others, the brutalizing, violent, militarized police force is rendered as useless and obsolete as many Americans already know it is. Your constituents demand change, not inaction or empty promises. Act on the behalf of the people. Sincerely, Dominick Ducote

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6/10/2020 16:28	Elise HI'man	<p>Hello, My name is Elise HI'man and I am a resident of Rose Park, Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community-building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Over the next year, I implore the Salt Lake City Council to rethink public safety and develop mechanisms that ensure we ALL feel safe in this community, regardless of race or economic status. Public safety must be rebuilt from the ground up, but you will not be alone in this endeavor: listen to your populace and the suggestions we have for local community oversight, support, and intervention. This is important to me because I believe in justice, fairness, and equality. I believe in the black lives matter movement. I have lived 31 years as a privileged white person: that people of color are not afforded the same rights I have moving through the world is unjust and despicable. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in public education, mental health services, and outdoor education/representation for people of color. I believe in you and this city. I am sure that you all are weary, mentally, emotionally, and physically, but we can do this. Little by little. You can leave an amazing legacy for this city as a place that truly embraces diversity. I truly thank you for your time and service. Sincerely, Elise HI'man</p>
6/10/2020 16:38	Kaitlyn Taylor	<p>I am a resident of House District 28, Senate District 2. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,</p>

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6/10/2020 16:24	Viktoria Margetts	Hello, My name is Viktoria Margetts, and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the policing system was built on rac'l'm and serves based on its initial purpose. The citizens of SLC deserve better than we are being treated, especially the black community. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in improving our communities and reduce the need for people to commit crimes. For example, rel'vest in mental (and general) health services or improving the shelter for the homeless. Sincerely, Viktoria Margetts
6/10/2020 16:24	Brandee Downes	Hello its Sgt Brandee Downes, again I wanted to share the past few days. I am a Sergeant for patrol and only 1 of 3 female Sergeants. My number one priority is to take care of my officers so that they can'take care of our community. All my men/women have big hearts and strive each day to help our community. They have amazing ideas on how to bond with the community and how to get the community involved in their neighborhoods. However, after the riots/protests/ and discussions around cutting the budget, I have had several of these amazing officers come to me to talk about the possibility of leaving the PD. When I ask why the biggest thing is not feeling heard or supported by their community. You might say to yourself, well, then they can leave. But the thing is, these are the guys that represent our current community population; they are the Polynesian (Tongan/Samoan/Hawaiian), Hispanic, African, and Caucasian officers, who are at a loss. They joined the force to make this difference within the police department. They joined to show the community we can be better and to join forces. They are the ones who want to make the world a better, more balanced place. I'm not going to lie, and neither would they if they said we as a force still need improvements because we do. However, they will also say that we have grown with training, diversifying the PD and becoming more balanced (many of these officers are 1-3 years in the profession. Cutting the budget, not feeling supported by our community with violence talk of cutting pay, decreasing the PD funding comes at a cost. Every day I pull my men/women aside and ask how their day went. Why? Because we see trauma every day, we see the family member who just committed suicide; we have to be the ones who break the news, we see the four-year-old who was shot by the drive-by shooting, the ones who see the trauma of abuse. Being a Therapist part-time and a Law enforcement officer full time, many come to me to vent, to talk about the trauma, and to talk about their hopes within law enforcement and officers ask me what can we do to help our community (the ones We're respond to each day). These are the things our community does not understand. Unfortunately how the community sees us is ran by how media dictates that day. Anyone I have talked to, and I feel safe to say we all at SLCPD, agree that what happened in Minneapolis is wrong and that man needs to be held accountable. Our job every day is to hold people responsible. But it's a job where we see how difficult it is for people to get the help they need to get out of certain situations like domestic violence relationships, substance abuse, and the homeless and mental health population. There is a LOT of work ahead of us. Cutting the budget won't help our shared goal of wanting to make our department better, or our community stronger. 1 of 2 *Continued Below*

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6/10/2020 16:24	Brandee Downes	<b>2 of 2 *Continued Above*</b> What will, is building lasting relationships with our community, creating a system that works together (between jail, hospitals, rehab programs, housing, legislation), a system that would help people heal instead of being stuck in a mess. We can blame one agency (Law enforcement), or we can admit that we all have a part in how our community bonds, how our community heals, and how we will move forward in this fight of progression. I don't want to see these diverse officers or any officer who has an open mind and heart leave because they don't feel like there is a win, no matter how much they love their community. We all agree accountability within, and without the Police department e is paramount for change to occur. Please show my men you support them, fight for the pay, and fight for change. I would love to see a person work along with the department, doing an internal audit of sorts to see where systemic raci'm, gender biases, or religious bias may occur?I would say we are in the leading front of other agencies in the changes we have made. Still, I do know there is always room for growth . However, I highly recommend that person become POST (Police) certified to understand why officers are trained the way they are. I have, or we have many ideas, but dividing the community and law enforcement will not help this cause. Let's come together. I want to save my men from leaving and give other people of diversity a chance to come on with the same pay and benefits that motivate our officers who deal with trauma daily. Becoming an officer changes your life, gives you a different understanding of what is going on in our community, and most are tired that we are not working as a system but rather as individual parts. Thank you Sgt Downes
6/10/2020 16:28	Elia Flores	Hello, My name is Elia Flores and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I want out community to improve as a whole and would especially help those in need. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million on education, healthcare and housing. Sincerely, Elia Flores Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 16:30	elizabeth gutierrez	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's documented history of murdering black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, E. Gutierrez

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6/10/2020 16:28	Derek Clark	<p>Hello, I am a Salt Lake City resident in district 4. I'm writing to you today to discuss public funding proposed in the FY 20-21 budget. I see that the recommended budget for the SLCPD is over \$84 million dollars. This \$84,422,651 dwarfs every other part of the recommended budget. Housing is receiving \$23,248,016 and transit, a mere \$4,700,000 by comparison. This clearly shows where the priorities of our elected officials lie in relation to the needs of the people. it'shows that the SLCPD is the most important thing in the city and that is far from the truth. I find this to be a gross misuse of public funds and abuse of power here in Salt Lake City. I'm standing in solidarity with the people of Salt Lake City and demanding that this council divest at least \$30,000,000 from SLCPD and rel'vest it into essential parts of our poor communities, especially communities of color. We are also demanding justice for Bernardo Palacios, who was killed by reactive and negligent police. These police must be held accountable for their actions. Training and policereform has proven to be insufficient in preventing these murders from happening. This city's previous police contracts are not an excuse to l'vest an entire \$84,000,000 into the SLCPD. We need change now. A majority of black residents, people of color, and members of the LGBTQ community have had traumatic and violent interactions with police. There is a direct link between systematic rac'l'm and over-policing in communities of color, as well as the under-funding of affordable housing, resources, and transportation for the poor. We want to work towards peace and safety for all of the residents here in Salt Lake City. We can do this through proper funding and support of the communities in need. This community is demanding that we divest from the SLCPD and put money into other vital and neglected parts of our communities. Major portions of that \$84,422,651 can be allocated to universal aid and crisis management, well paid social workers, resources for communities of color, resources for homeless communities, funding for free testing and tracking for the inevitable spread of COVID-19, healthcare, transportation, housing, libraries and education, as well as l'vestment into sustainable/green energy to combat climate change. We create safer communities and lower the need for constant police presence when the basic needs of the community are met. We beg you, be one of the first to push towards a better future for the most vulnerable. Sincerely, Derek Clark</p>
6/10/2020 16:29	Jaron Bytheway	<p>I'd like to make a suggestion that the city attempts to implement a healthy food program to encourage consumption of healthy nutritious food while also eliminating the possibility of people being left hungry because of a lack of money. I suggest that the public debt incurred be unquestioned in its validity towards the public good and I suggest that it be funded by a consumption tax and that federal funds be requested which could be "printed" to fund the program. It would work by printing credit cards and giving them out to all city residents. the cards would be authorized to purchase daily allowances of healthy nutritious foods. something along the guidelines of what's outlined in the humanity party economic plan for ending worldwide poverty... it can be found on youTube.</p>

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6/10/2020 16:37	Emilia Wint	I am a home owner in Salt Lake City. There have been tanks stationed outside the police department 6 blocks from my home for the past week. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Emilia Wint
6/10/2020 16:39	Emily Albrecht	I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Emily Albrecht



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6/10/2020 16:40	Emily Maclary	Hello, My name is Emily Maclary and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because recent events have made it clear that locally and nationally, our policing system is broken. Militarized police forces with little community accountability are dangerous. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into programs that will have a positive impact on our community. For example, this funding could make a huge impact in addressing current needs in public education, or be used to begin a program that could replace some police services, like a mental health crisis response team. Sincerely, Emily Maclary
6/10/2020 16:31	Kaitlyn Jasmin	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,

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6/10/2020 16:42	Emma Blanch	Hello, My name is Emma Blanch and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we need to see other aspects of our community taken care of. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, housing, and healthcare (those are only a few). Sincerely, Emma Blanch Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 16:31	Tyler Thunell	Hello, My name is Tyler Thunell and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community-building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million back into the community through social workers, therapy and outreach programs. Sincerely, Tyler Thunell - ----- Tyler Thunell

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6/10/2020 16:44	Ena Huseinbegovic	Hello, My name is Ena Huseinbegovic and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the education system is what builds our community. I'veesting our funds into the future of tomorrow is what will make this state stronger. Prepare the future of tomorrow instead of setting them up for failure. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in education, mental health, and providing programs to help the youth find themselves. Passion is what sets people into their purpose. Purpose is what allows us to not only do what we love but it gives us a reason to give back to the community in a positive way. Purpose ignit's change. Change ignit's transformation. Transformation creates a better tomorrow. Sincerely, Ena Huseinbegovic Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 16:32	Elle Hines	I am a resident of Davis County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Elle Hines
6/10/2020 16:39	Emily Davis	Hello, My name is Emily Davis and I am a resident and student of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because lives are being lost unnecessarily and abuse of power is evident. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in social workers, mental health crisis teams, and de escalation trainings for existing police officers. Sincerely, Emily Davis Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 16:32	Tory Morrison	Hello, My name is Tory Morrison and I am a Resident of Rose Park and worker of a local Sugarhouse Company in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because that type of money is not necessary to run a police force and could go towards local counseling programs, after school programs, or a million other more beneficial social services. Sincerely, Tory Lynn Morrison

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6/10/2020 16:33	Elle meldrum	I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ellie Meldrum

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6/10/2020 16:33	Tim Cunningham	Mr. Wharton, You have never met me, but I owe you an apology. Last Saturday I let my emotions get the best of me and in an attempt to make a political point, I made a very insensitive attempt at satire in the form of a public comment for the City Council's upcoming meeting. I made the comment in the character of a fictional armed robber who was happy that police would not be allowed to shoot me as I rob people. These comments were horribly inappropriate and I deeply apologize. I have asked that the comment be retracted so it does not go into the public record, and I'm unsure you will ever see it (and I hope you don't). My intention was to express my concern as a prior victim of an armed carjacking that criminals would be more bold to commit crimes if they did not feel the same potential for police to confront them. I let my fear and anger get the best of me and I am in deep regret of the way I made that argument. I had not seen the video of Mr. Palacios-Carbajal's death before I made the statement, and had I done so I would have never made it. Regardless, the statement shouldn't have been made at all. I appreciate the hard work you do and how stressful the last several weeks have been for all of you in city government. I know it may feel like an impossible challenge, and you definitely do not need people like me making the types of comments I made (even if you never see them). Thank you, TC Sent from Mail < <a href="https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=550986">https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=550986</a> > for Windows 10
6/10/2020 16:33	Elowyn LaPointe	Hello, My name is Elowyn LaPointe and I am a Resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe the redistribution of funds can help our community, OUR PEOPLE, more than trying to reform the police. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million into solutions for helping our homeless population Sincerely, Elowyn LaPointe Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 16:35	Ember Knight	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ember knight -- Ember Knight

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6/10/2020 16:40	Kale Cimperman	Hello, My name is Kale Cimperman and I am a resident of and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because militarized police make me feel unsafe within the city limits. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in education, rent relief programs, and communities of Color!
6/10/2020 16:37	Heidi Brown	When I heard there was talk about cutting the police budget, I thought surely it was a hoax. I wish it were. We have many respectable, kind, courageous and selfless police officers that live in my community. They have families. They have children. Cutting budgets? For people who daily put their own lives on the line to protect me and my family? To keep my city'safe and orderly? What does a budget cut accomplish? I know there are a lot of angry folks out there that want to see justice for the police brutality that took the life of Mr. Floyd. For police brutality that has taken many lives over the years. For people of color who have been pulled over or questioned for things they had nothing to do with because of being racially profiled. I agree they can and should feel angry. But taking away from the police force that keeps us safe and serves our community is NOT the answer. We need change. That change begins with open, honest discussions. With policy changes. With listening to hear and to change. NOT with cutting the budget for people who have sworn to protect us, with their own lives as necessary. I DO NOT support cutting the police budget. This will only cause more harm to our community. It may cause the good men and women in blue to reconsider their career choice. Where will we be when there is not enough manpower to stop violence and crime that occurs each day in our city? Further, I fear a budget cut may have the unwanted effect of increasing the number of people who wear the badge for the feeling of power it gives them. We need to take measures to prevent this type of person from becoming members of police force, not take away from the good men and women who do so much to make a difference in this world. On behalf of all my honorable, good and friendly neighborhood police officers, I beg you NOT to go forward with this proposed cut. It will hurt our community!
6/10/2020 16:35	Emery Hovermale	Hello, My name is Emery Hovermale and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we should not accept increased policing as a solution to the problems our most vulnerable communities are facing. Instead of cops, prisons or jails, we need a complete redefinition of the word justice to focus on community care, harm reduction and accountability. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in education, community health and affordable housing. Sincerely, Emery Hovermale



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6/10/2020 16:41	Emily Snow	<p>Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I, like many others, am deeply concerned about ongoing injustices perpetrated by our city's police department against our community's most vulnerable residents, including the recent use of violent and excessive force against protesters, and the horrific killing of Bernardo Palacios. These events have been egregious and the total lack of consequence for the officers involved indicates a deep and rotten poison in our city. This is not a new problem or a string of 'incidents', unconnected either from each other or from the larger picture at hand. The Salt Lake City police force, like every other in this country, has a long and well-documented history upholding the racist system it was born from. Just over the last 7 years, 10% of people killed by police in Utah have been Black, yet Black people account for only 1% of our population. This is one of the highest rates in the nation. Salt Lake is no better than the rest, and any suggestion that we are is laughably ignorant at best and a dangerous, pandering falsehood at worst. Any choice that permits this history to continue is an act of complicity in the deaths of our Black and Brown community members. We cannot simply throw more money and a few more training hours at this issue when the police have shown us time and time again that they will not change. They have openly lied, beaten people in the streets, taken no accountability for their actions, and will continue to do so until we stop them. The incremental reforms have not worked. They will not work, and we will not accept them. It is time to try something new. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. Education, housing, health services and coverage, mental health services, rehabilitation and recovery, food access, legal defense, environmental protections, the arts - these are the programs that help a community grow and flourish. These are the programs we need to invest in, a need that is further heightened as so many face new and increased vulnerabilities living under pandemic conditions. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, and next to nothing for some of our most important social and community programs. We join the calls of those across this country to #DefundThePolice. We demand you cut the SLCPD budget by at least 30 million dollars. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing and empowers the people to care for each other. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Emily Snow</p>
6/10/2020 16:42	Emma Hoenes	<p>Hello, My name is Emma Hoenes and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope you consider investing the \$30 million in affordable housing, mental health services, and crisis intervention programs focused on de-escalation. Sincerely, Emma Hoenes</p>

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6/10/2020 16:40	Emily Gmitter	I am a resident of Seattle, WA. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Emily Gmitter

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6/10/2020 16:51	Uppsen Downes	<p>An open letter to the Salt Lake City Mayor and City Council members To whom it may concern: We've recently had a very sad, frustrating, and extremely tedious experience with-in our community. As a man of Black/ Korean/ Hawaiian decent (normally not a factor, but given the current situation) and I am upset over the death of George Floyd, as most of us should be! This is not just about Mr. Floyd's death, but the way this officer handled the situation. However this is not a common occurrence here in Salt Lake City. Together city officials, police, and our community are better as a whole! In light of all that is going on, it surfaced that you are considering cutting the budget for our cities Law Enforcement. I feel that I must share my thoughts on why you should reconsider. On June 8th, 2009, I became an officer of this department. It was a proud accomplishment in a lifetime full of similar feats. I am a veteran that served as an Abrams Crewman, and then a Military Police officer. I was honorably discharged when my service time was up. I then became a Firefighter and EMT, only to be called back to police work for the Department of Defense. My time here has been good to my family and me. I appreciate the support we get from the large silent community. The sporadic support (in my opinion) from the varying chain of commands in the department, as well as from the (again my opinion) Mayors office and City Council, have been, at times, rough. I am hoping with Mayor Mendenhall and our current council members; we can work together more now than ever to not only do what is best for our city, but do what's right by our police department. I would like you to consider all of the things our/your police department has accomplished. Our department has become a national training site for the CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) program under the BJA(Bureau of Justice Assistance) umbrella with little support from our/your Administration. We created and implemented the Promising Youth Project, which is a youth prevention and intervention program. Our/your department is one of the only in house academy certified departments in the state. The department has had to deal with the national spotlight three times, the 2002 Winter Olympics, the Elizabeth Smart Case, and the Lori Hacking murder investigation, all of which were handled with great professionalism. We have dealt with hiring freezes, no pay raises, reduction in staffing (the great fake hire of 09) and, even a pay reduction! We, as a department full of great officers, detectives, advocates, counselors, records, dispatch, and countless civilians, have always worked hard and tirelessly for our city! This has been regardless of the situation or stress we may be under, but when is enough, enough? With the majority of the public remaining quiet, it appears that you are giving into the voice of the few. We in the department are used to dealing with this outlook towards us. It is because these are the people we deal with on an all too normal basis. They are not all bad, but we are interacting with them during a stressful time in their lives. They are dealing with high emotions and sometimes express their disdain, dislike, frustration, or straight out hatred towards the police. 1 of 2 *Continued Below*</p>

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6/10/2020 16:51	Uppsen Downes	2 of 2 *Continued Above* We listen, and we use compassion, we communicate, and try to render assistance in the capacity they may need. What we do not do is have a knee jerk reaction, we do not try to argue but converse, we do not let their emotions dictate our actions but present the best possible solutions as they present themselves. Right now, it appears that you are doing exactly what you don't want us to do. You are having a knee jerk reaction, allowing their emotions to dictate your actions, and not looking for the best possible solution! No good can come from cutting the Department's budget. You will be creating the very outcome you and the public fear! I will explain; as it stands right now, officers are tired and overworked. Being the professionals we are, we strive to stay vigilant and mistake-free. We have created a way to communicate with each other when we perceive we can't, or we see another officer struggling to handle a situation, or our emotions start to get the better of us. We don't receive the training we always need, but we still have a job to do. We are underpaid (grossly), but have a job to do. We have spouses that receive threats and kids that are afraid if we will make it home each night, but we have a job to do. Cutting the budget, will make all of these worse; in most cases, it will be unbearable for officers to do the great work they do. It means officers will be more tired and greatly overworked! It's allowing for more mistakes to be possible, bringing more lawsuits. Officers will receive less training and be expected to do more! A hiring freeze will affect morale and make working conditions difficult. The potential of no raises or a pay cut will make for unhappy work conditions, and have officers wondering if this job is worth it! You will begin to lose great officers concerned for the mental health not only for themselves, but for their families. You will lose these officers because they care! They care about the city, its people, and the millions of visitors that come here! And if they feel they can't do their jobs proficiently, they will walk away. What you will have is a mix of the good officers that are close to retirement holding on, the few officers you could not get rid of that were hiding amongst the rest! The very tired and very overworked! And officers that have lost compassion for the job and the community they serve. You will not be able to hire as many quality people because they don't want to do this job under the conditions you will be making. I am asking that you open communication and ask those that this will affect. I would like to start and suggest a Law Enforcement Liaison! It could be one chosen from a group of 5 nominated by their peers. This could be a civilian position where they resign their commission, or a lateral assignment. Or you could make it a board of advisors as an auxiliary position/assignment. Sincerely, Uppsen L. Downes
6/10/2020 16:47	Erika Wynn	Hello, my name is Erika Wynn. I am a student in Salt Lake City receiving my Bachelors in Social Work. I am asking that you step away from reform and actively implement a plan to defund SLCPD. I am demanding you distribute funds to organizations who are adequately trained to work with disadvantaged communities. Politics are failing and Community Organizations are on the rise. I am asking that you follow suit and work to empower the people in your community rather than stripping them of resources. I would like to end with a quote from my textbook, Introduction to Social Work. "Whether it be for people of color, race, religion, sexual identification, age, or any other matter, if they are being denied access to opportunities and resources, or hindered in their development due to biased or discriminatory policies or practices, or confronted with inadequate or dysfunctional systems, we see community organization as one means of empowering and assisting them in making the necessary changes that will allow them access to opportunities that allow them to grow and develop as members of society." I am asking that you stand with your community and implement a better system outside of SLCPD. Thank you. Erika Wynn

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6/10/2020 16:45	Erica A	Hello SLC Council, I read on Fox News that the budget has been postponed to allow for public comments in regards to defunding the police. Although I am just one person, I wanted to send my thoughts to support for the police. Please do not give into mob mentality. I would never justify what happened in MN, but it is not right that every single officer is paying for one evil man?s doing. There may be thousands in the street protesting, but people who do not share their beliefs are too afraid to step in, and counter protest. We live in a world where free speech is not as welcomed as it'should be, (if you have a different opinion). Not all cops are bad. it's sad to see how many cops are putting their lives on the line, and being abused on a daily basis because people are taking their anger out on them. If possible, maybe hold a vote on the defunding of the police? You may find that the group that screams the loudest, Is not the majority. Our world needs to work on stopping all forms of discrimination, that includes demonizing the police. Thank you for taking the time to read this message. God bless- Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 16:52	Richelle Bradley	<p>To the Salt Lake City Council and Mayor Mendenhall: With recent events playing a huge part of our every day lives right now, you have a big decision to make in the upcoming weeks and months. You are our elected leaders and represent the citizens of Salt Lake City. Have to talked with all the citizens you represent? Or are you just listening to those who are yelling and holding the city hostage while they march around making demands and calling for violence against the police? Those citizens that have experienced the professionalI'm from the SLCPD are silent, not because they don't support the SLCPD, but because they fear the retaliation from those that turned a peaceful protest violent. Even my 16 year old daughter has experienced verbal and physical retaliation from anti police supporters simply by showing her Police Officer father and mother that she supports them by posting a thin blue line flag on her social media. I have been a Police Officer in Salt Lake City for 16 years. I have experienced many things that have shaped who I am, however, not once have I used my authority to judge someone due to the color of their skin. I act based on crimes committed and evidence I have collected. I am sure if you review the vast amount of body camera footage for every day calls with all the SLCPD officers, you will find that they behave professionally and do not judge those they serve by the color of their skin. Body cameras were forced on the police departments to get rid of the corruption and excessive use of force portrayed as being rampant in our department, however the opposite happened. Body cameras have shown that time and time again, officers are behaving very appropriately in very stressful and difficult situations. I do bell've racl'm is still a problem in our society. I bell've everyone can play a role in stopping racl'm. However, I strongly bell've that it is NOT a police problem. Respect for another person must be taught in homes and by parents. Please take the time to listen to all sides, even those being silent right now. Ask individual police officers what they bell've will help make our city a better place. Do not defund the police department, as we can only be better and improve by having the proper funding to maintain the tools we need to do our jobs as well as get the training we need. I tearfully implore you, please do not make be give up hope that Salt Lake City is a good place to work and raise my family. Please do not add to the already overwhelming hate that is out there. Show your support for the employees of the Salt Lake City Police Department to help build a better future for everyone. We are good people who sacrifice a lot for the citizens of Salt Lake City. Respectfully,</p>

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6/10/2020 16:45	Erica TI'mons	Hello, I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Erica TI'mons
6/10/2020 16:46	Erik Ureno	Hello, My name is Erik Ureno and I am student and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in SLCPD, you I'vest in communities of color. Sincerely, Erik Manuel Ureno Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 16:48	Evan Pack	Hello Chris, I would like you to make it a priority to I'vest in our city by I'vesting in schools, homelessness resources, and mental health initiatives. I bell've that these should be paid for by the funds which would otherwise go to the SLCPD. It is clear given recent events, that the police as a whole play a function in society which is too broad to meaningfully improve our city or our country as a whole. More training for police is not the answer. We cannot expect them to be mental health counselors, drug addiction social workers, homelessness outreach workers, or school truancy enforcement. I do not bell've that any of the issues which face our city, are best solved by the heavy hand of law enforcement which too often antagonizes at risk individuals rather than help. We cant expect police to extend one hand towards the homeless with a gun in the other. Please make it a priority to defund the police by cutting their budget by \$30 million and reallocating those funds for positive community benefit'sincerely, Evan Pack



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6/10/2020 16:57	Kallie Erickson	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,
6/10/2020 17:04	Wogal'mohmand	I grew up in Salt Lake City, went to the University of Utah, and currently in the city. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. In addition, as an attorney, it is clear that the actions of SLCPD in the past weeks are unconstitutional. Individuals have a right to assemble, a right to speech, and a right to be free from excessive force. SLCPD's actions last week demonstrated that they summarily act in unconstitutional ways, even when unprompted by others. Thank you for you time, Wogal'mohmand

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6/10/2020 17:10	Whitney Weaver	Hello, My name is Whitney Weaver and I am a high school teacher in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me especially as an educator in West Valley City, where schools are wonderfully diverse and nearly half of my students are on the free lunch program. Children should not have to suffer the millions lost in proposed budget cuts to education due to COVID 19. This money could be reallocated to help children, instead of potentially harming people of color. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education! Sincerely, Whitney N. Weaver
6/10/2020 17:06	Daniela Acuña	Hello, My name is Daniela Acuna and I am a RESIDENT OF Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I live here and want to see my community thrive. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in community resources for homeless people. Sincerely, Daniela Acuna.
6/10/2020 17:07	Tsivya Devereaux	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, I am writing to demand that the Salt Lake City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering BIPOC. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although the City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Tsivya Devereaux
6/10/2020 17:08	Carina Imburgia	Hello, My name is Carina and I am a constituent of yours. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLPD's budget by at least 30 million dollars, and reallocate that money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I have friends and family members who have been profiled and subject to police brutality. Our system is broken and it's time we acknowledge it. I hope instead that you I'vest \$30 million in our education system as we rank last in spending per student in the US. Thank you for your time. Carina Imburgia

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6/10/2020 17:09	Jayda Gillette	Hello, My name is Jayda Gillette and I am a student Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million into education instead, as teachers are incredibly underpaid. Sincerely, Jayda Gillette
6/10/2020 17:09	Shane Carlson	Dear Mayor Mendenhall, A question and a brief comment comment on police funding in the 2021 budget. "Do White people, in America, still want the police to protect their interests, over the rights and dignity and lives of Black - and in too many cases, Brown, Indigenous and Asian - populations in this country?? - Khalil Gibran Muhammad (author of "The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime, and the Making of Modern Urban America"). My answer is a loud and resounding "NO, NOT IN MY NAME." As residents of SLC, we need to take a very hard look at the SLCPD budget. Cutting \$30 million and reallocating the money to community services makes sense until we have a idea of how we want to re-envision how our community is "policed." This money needs to be diverted to community building and supporting services. I also asking you to maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year (again, until we've re-envisioned public safety). Thanks for your time. Shane Carlson
6/10/2020 17:18	Tavia Yocom	I am a resident of Dacia County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Tavia Yocom

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6/10/2020 17:30	Zak Elenz	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Zak Elenz
6/10/2020 17:15	Courtney Carver	My name is Courtney Carver, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City 84111. I am commenting in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. Please consider that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic, lasting cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, allocating the money to community-building services. Imagine what it would do for our community if instead you I'vested in PEOPLE (particularly marginalized communities) rather than militarizing our police force. Let's stop hiring new police officers throughout the fiscal year due to the ongoing police violence we've seen in the city. Instead I'vest \$30 million in strengthening and building new programs to assist with mental health, domestic violence, homelessness, education, and affordable housing. Please, choose social services and taking care of people instead of further funding police brutality. Thank you very much for your time. Best, Courtney Carver

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6/10/2020 17:16	Derek Quick	Hello, My name is Derek Quick. I am a resident of Salt Lake City, UT and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of our city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for our community, and to drastically minimize spending on Police. It is unconscionable that 1/3 to 1/2 of the city's budget is going to the police department. This does not align with the values that I have as your constituent and I demand that you and other city officials work together to draft and approve a budget that diverts funds from the police department and reallocates them directly to benefit those in need. Defunding the police and restructuring the budget is an absolute necessity now more than ever. Police perpetuate a pattern of excessive violence and force, especially directed towards Black People and their communities. The police refuse to hold their own accountable and this is unacceptable. We are in the middle of a global pandemic that has killed 100,000 Americans and more than 40 million people have filed for unemployment. Healthcare workers are without proper equipment and essential workers are not being fairly compensated or protected for the great work they do. We don't need more police, we need more social safety nets. Funds intended for police would be better off being sorted to initiatives that Enrich our public schools and students Provide more affordable housing and mental health care initiatives Protect and bolster our parks Support small businesses struggling due to COVID-19 Provide cheaper and cleaner modes of public transportation Our nation is grieving the deaths of Black Americans that were murdered at the hands of police officers who have yet to be held accountable. While the police department has more funding than it knows what to do with, we have communities who desperately need funding and every day they don't receive it their quality of life worsens. Thousands have died who did not need to. You have the ability to change this, so do it. Sincerely, Derek Quick
6/10/2020 17:22	Tushig Tsogtbaatar	Hello, My name is Tushig Tsogtbaatar and I am a rising senior at the University of Utah and a constituent of the Salt Lake City Council. I am calling in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important because the lives of Salt Lake City residents can be improved drastically by investing \$30 million in social services including medical insurance for individuals and families, pay raise for school teachers and public school funding, and housing those in need. Thank you so much for your time. Tushig Tsogtbaatar
6/10/2020 17:27	Vincent Genovesi	Hello, My name is Vinny Genovesi, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the police are being overused as a catch-all for problems that they are unqualified and ill-equipped to handle. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in social services, infrastructure, and poor communities. Sincerely, Vincent Genovesi.

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6/10/2020 17:38	Breanna Goff	Dear Mayor Mendenhall & Council'members, My name is Breanna Goff and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we are so far behind and have so much to do for equality and this is a step in that direction. Our community will be stronger if we l'vest in it. I cannot fathom another life lost to police brutality and I hope that you will take this l'mediate action and bring forth positive change. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in education, community outreach, homelessness, and the environment. l'vesting in our people will serve Salt Lake City residents the most. Thank you for your time and your service to our city. Please make your time in office count and be the change that we need. Sincerely, Breanna Goff
6/10/2020 17:17	Zoe Heninger	I am a resident of [Salt lake city Utah ]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, [Zoe Heninger]
6/10/2020 17:29	Wilhelmina Graf	Hello, My name is Wilhelmina Graff and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because Black people and People of Color have been living under an oppressive system. We are only as good as we treat our least privileged person. Things need to change; starting with the defunding of the SLPD. Those funds can be better used to enrich (rather than oppress) our communities. Sincerely, Wilhelmina Graff

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6/10/2020 17:19	Erika Gee	Hello, My name is Erika Gee and I am a senior studying Social Work at the University of Utah. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate that money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because it's hard to not be able to assist my clients with food and rental or utility assistance because there isn't enough, when the police force budget is so big and police brutality continues to be such a problem. I hope you instead I'veest \$30 million in food access and housing security for the residents of Salt Lake City. Thank you so much for your time. Erika Gee
6/10/2020 17:22	Eric Stoye	Hello, My name is Eric and I am a resident of and work in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in our local schools, and community support programs for local people of color Sincerely, Eric Stoye Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 17:20	Erika M. Hoecherl	Hello, My name is Erika Hoecherl and I am a Resident of and student/worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because it must be. I cannot stand to live in a city where the police have \$84 million in their budget yet we are the 14th state with the lowest average salary paid for teachers. Not only that but those who are suffering from homelessness are over criminalized in our community and are among those who go unprotected and even brutalized by the police. We cannot be the ?bee hive? state with wasps known as the police terrorizing it's black citizens. Change. Must. Happen. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million towards raising the salary of all teachers as well as help create resources and care for those experiencing homelessness (such as meal plans or rent relief for those who are at risk of eviction) Sincerely, Erika M. Hoecherl
6/10/2020 17:23	Zac Bankhead	Hello, My name is Zac Bankhead and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Black lives matter Sincerely, Zac Bankhead
6/10/2020 17:26	Brynn Whaley	Hello, My name is Brynn Whaley and I am a resident of Magna which is part of Salt Lake County. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Brynn Whaley



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6/10/2020 17:32	Daneil Rose Calhoon	Hello, My name is Daneil Rose Calhoon and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, social services, mental health services, clean water and air and sustainability for Utah. Sincerely, Daneil Rose Calhoon
6/10/2020 17:20	Donna Eckstein	Hello, My name is Donna Eckstein and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a firing freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because as a resident, mother and friend I am sick and tired of the injustices that take place in this country every day against black people and POC. We are better and I demand you do better for us. I hope instead you I'vest \$30 million in demographically diverse schools, mental health services and meals for those who our systemic raci'm has so drastically negatively impacted for centuries Thank you so much for your time. Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 17:21	Whitni Garcia	Hello, My name is Whitni Garcia and I am resident of Salt Lake County I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I work with the same communities who see violence at the hands of police officers. These same people could use any number of resources that could be provided to them if it didn't go to a police force they can't call upon for fear of being more hurt. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in social workers that can help in schools and the community abroad. Sincerely, Whitni Garcia Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android
6/10/2020 17:33	Danielle Glover	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thanks for your time. Danielle Glover

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6/10/2020 17:34	Celynah Noelia	Hello, My name is Celynah Rangel and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because [INSERT WHATS IMPORTANT TO YOU OR DELETE SENTENCE]. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in [INSERT WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE I'veSTED IN OR DELETE SENTENCE]. Sincerely, Celynah Rangel
6/10/2020 17:24	Taylor Webb	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Taylor Webb Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 18:29	Jessica Elliott	Hello, My name is Jessica Elliott and I am a Registered Nurse in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we can not have the continued abuse of power of law enforcement, especially towards people of color, that endangers citizens' lives. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in services that directly impact and work with the community such as the Salt Lake Citizen Police Accountability Council (SLCPAC). I'veesting this large amount of money in the community, I bell've, will have a greater positive impact on individuals as opposed to oppressive police forces that aim to keep POC people at a disadvantage. Sincerely, Jessica Elliott Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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6/10/2020 19:03	Joseph Lyman	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council, I offer my words in parallel with many of my fellow citizens. We are witnessing a massive revelation that our police system is an utter failure. Specifically, I am appalled at the blatant violation of human rights in the response of the SLCPD to recent protests. Your officers continue to display a downright lack of professionalism; they refuse to communicate, continue to mock, and mindlessly corral citizens around our city blocks. Some of my own community have been detained and arrested in what I see as a direct violation of their right to free speech. I am disappointed in Mayor Mendenhall's praise of this response. I demand a drastic revisioning of the 2020-21 Fiscal Year budget. I demand that \$30 million be cut from the SLCPD budget and immediately directed towards community based approaches to crime, drug dependency, and mental illness. I demand you freeze the hiring of any new officers in the meantime. Further, I demand that you plan to dissolve the SLCPD in the next 5 years. I refer you to the email of my fellow citizen, Jackson Keller, that was recently sent to you and is herein attached. In his email he has meticulously analyzed this situation and included plentiful resources that I urge you to study. Below is his suggested approach to gradual reduction of police presence in our society, which I fully echo in support: I'm not convinced that an institution that was dramatically overfunded to allow for mass incarceration can be fully reformed. But right now, I'm only asking for a gradual defunding of an overinflated budget. We just need to take steps in that direction to see if we truly can effect positive change and reduce crime rates by reducing policing. We will have to address many issues in our society before police are unnecessary. First, we will have to wait for crime rates to actually reduce as we divest money from the SLCPD and invest it in our communities. These changes may be generational, and will certainly not happen overnight. We need to re-conceptualize our approach to penalizing petty, nonviolent crimes. We need to discuss alternative approaches to punishment for crimes like theft, to see if the model of restitution we apply to multi-billion dollar wage theft would be appropriate. We need gun control to prevent mass shootings that only an organized police force could respond to effectively. We need to decriminalize drugs and end the War on Drugs to take steps towards ending mass incarceration. We need to consider how best to gradually fill in the holes that will emerge as we slowly phase out our police force. Who will monitor traffic violations, especially dangerous traffic violations? Perhaps an expansion of the Highway Patrol? How do we ensure those officers have the ability to defend themselves without meting out discriminate violence? Do we relegate crimes like murder to federal law enforcement agencies? These are the questions we will have to solve in the coming years. All of this work will be closely linked to efforts to dismantle the prison-industrial complex. These efforts will also be linked to dismantling other systems that profit off of human life, like immigration and Customs Enforcement, or the military-industrial complex. 1 of 2 *Continued Below*</p>

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6/10/2020 19:03	Joseph Lyman	2 of 2 *Continued Above* These monumental changes will take time, but we cannot ignore them. They will be an integral part of dl'mantling the systems of oppression that have succeeded slavery and Jim Crow. At a minimum, I request you digest the following two resources from NPR. They may assist your understanding that our police system is a failure rooted in racist ideals, they may show to you that police abolition is in many ways our most suitable trajectory to a peaceful and meaningful future. 1. "The History Of Police In Creating Social Order In The US" <a href="https://www.npr.org/2020/06/05/871083599/the-history-of-police-in-creating-social-order-in-the-u-s">https://www.npr.org/2020/06/05/871083599/the-history-of-police-in-creating-social-order-in-the-u-s</a> 2. "How Much Do We Need The Police?" <a href="https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2020/06/03/457251670/how-much-do-we-need-the-police">https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2020/06/03/457251670/how-much-do-we-need-the-police</a> Finally, I would like to offer a unique note as a local college student, one who strongly values our ability to advance Science and Technology, one who further desires to maximize our ability to do so. When our society continues to marginalize and abuse Black Lives, we hinder our ultimate ability to discover and innovate. There is no doubt in my mind that the result of the War on Drugs, the prison-industrial complex, and mass incarceration is to restrict and choke our scientific and technological state. We absolutely need the unbiased influx of minds and ideas to continue to grow as one humankind. Racl'm in any form is cancer to humanity, it is cancer to culture, and it is cancer to Science. I appreciate what it is you do everyday to represent and administer the needs of your fellow citizens. So please, use your platform as one to rid our society of a failed, unproven, disappointing, discouraging, and downright racist police system. Respectfully, Joseph Lyman
6/10/2020 17:29	Rob Udarbe	I support the Police Department. During the last couple of weeks, they have shown restraint, professionall'm, and courage. We have not seen the problems other cities have experienced. Our police officers are a credit to our city. I have even heard of protestors asking for the help of police officers as they are calling for defunding them. People often don't want to pay for the service until they need it. Luckily, I haven't had to call on them very much. But when I have, they have come to help. I've heard of a city in the valley that doesn't have enough police officers to handle all the calls. That tips the scales of justice and encourages crime. I do not support a cut in the police budget. In fact, if I support an increase. Thank you for your service to our wonderful city.

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6/10/2020 17:33	Vered Heidenfeld	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Vered Heidenfeld

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6/10/2020 17:34	tara olson	Hello, My name is Tara Olson and I am a resident Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because as a person of color in this country, I do not feel safe or protected by the police. As a victim of sexual assault, I did not and still do not feel that my experience was taken seriously or treated with respect when I reported the crime to the police. This is not a question of good cops or bad cops, as my own brother is a cop. This is a question of systemic, racist policing of black and brown bodies in this country, of militarizing police with expensive equipment to attack those bodies and for using tax payer dollars to fund a corrupt system rather than using the money on mental health, housing and education. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in funding areas of public health including mental health, housing and education in disadvantaged communities. Funding these areas could bring about systemic societal change and cut down on crime and violence with sufficient money. Sincerely, Tara Olson
6/10/2020 17:36	Destinee Montoya	I am a resident of Sandy. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Destinee Montoya.
6/10/2020 17:36	Dominique Greco	Hello, My name is Dominique Greco and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because these are my tax dollars that fund the police department. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in the homelessness organization, in our schooling systems, for children to be able to have free lunch, or to pay for therapy sessions for those who can't afford such but need it. Sincerely, Dominique Greco Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 17:45	Truc Nguyen Sanchez	Hello, My name is Truc Nguyen Sanchez and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utah's during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Do not forget our poor communities and communities of color who are disproportionate targets of police violence. Justice will only be served when the police are reformed, and this will not be possible until we defund them. Thank you for your time, Truc Nguyen Sanchez
6/10/2020 17:35	Vivienne Colbert	Hello, My name is Vivienne Colbert and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because they should not be the target of a corrupt enforcement and justice system based solely on the color of their skin. Sincerely, Vivienne Colbert
6/10/2020 17:39	Emma Sargent	To Mayor Mendenhall and members of the City Council: I am a Salt Lake City resident writing to demand that the City Council revise our city budget to prioritize community wellbeing. I request that you redirect funding away from the police. SLCPD has a well-documented history of police violence, particularly against Black people. In fact, Black people are killed by police at a higher rate in Utah than anywhere else in the U.S. The tactics used by SLCPD, which harm our community and violate our safety, particularly the safety of Black and Indigenous people of color, are unacceptable. Mayor Mendenhall has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. I demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowering the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Funds cut from the SLCPD budget would be much better used if redirected into education, housing, and other city's services that actually function to PREVENT crime in the first place by providing all members of our community with the support they need. I understand that Mayor Mendenhall and the City Council may be unwilling to revise the budget, despite receiving countless calls, emails, and comments asking you to do so. If this is the case, I ask that at the very least, you maintain the hiring freeze on the SLCPD currently in place in order to make budget cuts more feasible for the next fiscal period. Additionally, I demand that you hold SLC's existing police officers accountable. I am extremely disappointed that the officers who killed Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal have not yet been fired. I love my city, and I expect my city government to do better. Thank you for your time, Emma Sargent



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6/10/2020 17:37	Camille Pace	I have been a resident of Utah County for the past 5 years. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Camille Pace Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 17:40	Elena Boer	Hello, My name is Elena Boer and I am a Salt Lake City resident. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in programs that support education, health care, and fighting homelessness in SLC to move towards a more equitable and kind society. My heart is breaking for our country. I hope you will hear your residents? demands and do the right thing for our community! Sincerely, Elena Boer
6/10/2020 17:40	Tera Purkey	Hello, My name is Tera Purkey and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I am not arguing for the complete dl'mantling of the police system; I have called upon the police myself in times of need and find the idea of abolishing the police asinine and divisive. I am, however, asking you to please promote the reallocation of police funds into public services. I have worked in the nonprofit'sector and know that increasing budgetary spending to benefit our city's poorest will help to reduce poverty-associated crime, therefore reducing the need for a large police budget. I'm a fl'm bell'ver that correcting society?s problems comes from I'vesting in people from the ground up to promote community and personal development, not criminalizing bad behavior once it occurs. I would really rather see more money spent in public education in particular. My little sister is a public educator who sees budget cuts to her Division 1 school every year. Those kids already have a rough go, and having less money each year is a challenge. Those kids don't get field trips, PTAs, or class parties. This year the money for their pencil boxes will likely come from my own sister?s pocket. Please consider. Thank you, Tera Purkey Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 17:42	Brody Howell	Hello, My name is Brody Howell and I am a STUDENT IN Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because [INSERT WHATS IMPORTANT TO YOU OR DELETE SENTENCE]. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in [INSERT WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE I'veSTED IN OR DELETE SENTENCE]. Sincerely, Brody Howell Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 17:46	Zoey Bridges	Hello, My name is Zoey Bridges and I am a student and resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education or public transportation. Give our teachers a raise!! Hire my teachers! Get more funding into our school systems! Sincerely, Zoey Bridges Z.MACKELLE
6/10/2020 17:38	Trina Perez	I would like to add to my previously sent message that I have forwarded, that reforms the SLCPD have enacted, such as body cams, have not done anything to protect people. Police brutality is still prevalent, and these reforms are not working. I was disturbed and shocked to see Bernardo Palacios shot in the back by police officers just a few weeks ago. We must give him justice, and do something other than put in new reform" policies that are not doing anything to truly address the toxic and pervasive brutality that exists within our OWN police department. Please, I am begging you to consider making real change here by divesting in the SLCPD and rel'vesting in our communities by supporting community building programs. Thanks for your time. Please see my originally drafted letter below. Trina Perez
6/10/2020 17:41	Desiree Anderson	Hello, My name is Desiree and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers. Sincerely, Desiree A.
6/10/2020 17:41	Anonymous Constituent	I understand that the topic of reducing SLCPD funding was discussed at last week's City Council meeting. I am not in favor of this action. Police presence is a strong deterrent for crime, and citizens across the city benefit from a strong police force. Recent tragedies from excessive force by police officers are reasons to review policies, procedures, and training, but they are not a reason to reduce the size of the police force. Thank you for listening to my voice.
6/10/2020 17:51	Tanner Sase	Hello, My name is Tanner Sase and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, social welfare programs, and the arts. Sincerely, Tanner J. Sase Pronouns: He/Him/His

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6/10/2020 18:02	Cobia Goddard	Hello, my name is Cobia Goddard and I am a Salt Lake City resident. I am emailing you again in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I, along with many other SLC residents, demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by AT LEAST \$30 million, and relocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to our community because I bell've that this money can be used in ways that will better serve and protect our community than increased police presence and force. I hope instead that you I'vest this \$30 million into more affordable housing, affordable health insurance, new school teachers and raises for current teachers, social workers that are far more equipped to handle professionals and emergency situations, etc. Thank you so much for your time. We hope that the thousands of requests that you are receiving daily will not fall on deaf ears. Sincerely, -Cobia Goddard
6/10/2020 17:45	Brok Dixon	Hello, My name is [FULL NAME] and I am a [RESIDENT OF, WORKER IN, STUDENT IN] Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because [INSERT WHATS IMPORTANT TO YOU OR DELETE SENTENCE]. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in [INSERT WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE I'veSTED IN OR DELETE SENTENCE]. Sincerely, [FULL NAME]
6/10/2020 17:48	Chelsea Bryant	I am a resident of district 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Chelsea Bryant

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6/10/2020 17:48	Elizabeth Furbush	Hello, My name is Elizabeth Furbush and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our community is in drastic need of those funds and we do not need a militarized police force. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into our education system, which is severely underfunded. As a teacher in Utah, I have seen firsthand the damage that underfunding our students education has. We have far too many students in our classes, and our teachers are severely underpaid, so many qualified professionals cannot afford to be teachers in Utah anymore. Sincerely, Elizabeth Furbush Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 17:49	Emilie Jordao	Hi Ana, I am your constituent (resident of central city, 84111). I know the council will soon be voting on the 2021 city budget proposed by the mayor. I'd like to express my concern over the 2021 proposed budget, especially when it comes to the nearly \$85 million allocated to SLCPD. As you've recently seen, the majority of people in SLC opposes this enormous police budget. Rather, we'd like to see the SLCPD defunded in \$30 million and this money re-allocated to education, low-income housing/rent relief, medical insurance or PPE for professionals, mental health, and food safety resources. Let's treat the roots of inequality instead of policing black and brown communities. Thank you, Emilie Jordao -- Emilie Jordao Jacobs
6/10/2020 17:50	WILLI'm WESTERN	Hello, My name is Michael Western and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in our education system and pay teachers a higher starting salary. If you have a family with kids I am sure you have noticed how much we miss our teachers due to COVID-19. If we valued our teachers as much as we do doctors or lawyers and even police we would have better outcomes for our students and communities. Please consider this idea in the upcoming budget votes. Sincerely, Michael Western Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 17:51	Taylor Gallegos	Hello, My name is Taylor Gallegos. I am a resident of Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Taylor Gallegos
6/10/2020 17:54	Destiny Crain	I am a resident of Davis County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Destiny Crain

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6/10/2020 17:55	Britney Jarvis	Hello, My name is Britney Jarvis and I am a Teacher in a Title 1 Public School in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in our education system and show your support to the students in our community. The idea that budgets may be cut by TEN PERCENT while so much more is being allocated to the SLCPD is beyond despicable. Given the current times, our students will be coming back in the fall with significantly more trauma. By cutting our resources you are not allowing us to help them process and heal. I request that you use this as an opportunity to step up and show our community, especially our students of color, that you care about them! Please, please reconsider your fund allocation and support education!!! Sincerely, Britney Jarvis Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 17:57	Viridiana Rodriguez	Hello, My name is Viridiana Rodriguez and I am a University of Utah's student living in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our police system needs to learn how to protect and deescalate situations without being armed. Our residents are dying, getting hurt and being arrested for demonstrating their right to protest. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in health care, education, funding the arts, funding special education classes in schools and fixing our community. Sincerely, Viridiana Rodríguez Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 17:53	Trina Weeks	Hello, My name is Trina and I am a resident of yours. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that you consider the need for better police department funds to encourage more outstanding persons to assume the difficult and self-sacrificing role of a police officer in the service of their community. These extra funds could be well used in the education of our police officers and in supporting them better, physically, mentally, emotionally etc.. every single person in our community has benefitted from the peace and stability our police officers have afforded us. We Enjoy our freedoms due to their (and their families? sacrifices). If you continue withholding the necessary funds from our police officers you willingly cripple our community?s home front, (domestic and otherwise) protection. Some of the consequences of this underfunding and degraded education have been deeply felt and have deeply frustrated our country?s citizens, with the acts of rac'l'm and violence we have seen. We have the proof of what an underpaid and under educated police force can become. Most of these men and women chose to live a life devoid of ease and luxury for what they knew was a life of sacrifice for and in behalf of their countrymen. Their families also feel this sacrifice acutely. To defund them exacerbates the problem instead of helps. When we all know the system needs men and women of high quality (higher education, better mental, emotional and physical health) how does our with-holding the needed funds attract that sort of individual, who is looking to serve their country and how does our with-holding those funds help meet the needs for higher emotional, mental, and physical health among our police force? I ask that at least another \$30 million be assigned to the police force and their betterment. Thank you for your own service, time and sacrifice on behalf of us.

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6/10/2020 17:58	Coleman Moss	I am a resident of the 4th District. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Coleman Moss
6/10/2020 17:54	Tierney Araujo	Hello, My name is TierneY Araujo and I am a Resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there is a deficit of support in many, many other needed areas! Sincerely, Tierney Araujo
6/10/2020 17:55	Renae Richards	Hi, Amy, I am one of your constituents in District 7. I wanted to share my thoughts about the apparent rush to defund the police. I do have some questions. First, How transparent are the Salt Lake City and and Salt Lake County police forces? Is information available on officer misconduct? How powerful are the police unions? Do they allow for a two-way flow of information about officer misconduct? What changes could be made to make the unions more accountable? How many reports or issues have there been against officers in the past year? Is this information available to the city council? Available to the news media? Available to private citizens? I think there are steps we can'take toward transparency before we rush to cut budgets and shift resources. I am concerned that we might "throw the baby out with the bathwater" in a rush toreform. It is likely that some changes are necessary, but changes should not have a negative impact on public safety, or officer safety for that matter. As a concerned citizen, where could I go for more information on this issue? How will you communicate results of future discussions on this topic?



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6/10/2020 17:56	Drew Davis	I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Drew Davis
6/10/2020 17:56	Tess Pepper	I am a resident of Salt Lake City and a student at the University of Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Tess Pepper

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6/10/2020 18:03	Alisha Jimenez	Hi my name is Alisha Jimenez and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am writing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. I believe that there is a number of beautiful things that we can do and change within our current system that would better benefit the community and the people that live in it. In regards to the budget I suggest the mayor submit and make a new draft for the vote that will be held on the 16th. I am a voice that speaks for the community that demands for a drastic cut to the police budget. In fact what are the ways we could completely abolish and disband the Police Department a like to the efforts of the Minneapolis City Council? I would like to see that proposal come to effect. Reallocate the money from the Police department into the community for things such as: Hire more teachers and give all teachers a 20% raise. Allocate money for more free after school programs. Provide free medical insurance and relief to the community. Provide funding for programs such as clean air and environmental sustainability. Create programs that provide free counseling and therapy to the community. Provide rent relief for low income and at risk families and those experiencing homelessness.
6/10/2020 17:57	Zachary Alonzo	Hello, My name is Zachary Alonzo and I am a small business owner and professional artist Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important for me because as a POC I believe that these funds can be better used on school districts with lower income and property taxes. Other areas such as homelessness resources and availability of mental health help and crisis centers Sincerely, Zachary Alonzo Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 17:59	Travis Braithwaite	Hello, My name is Travis Braithwaite and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Travis Braithwaite Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 18:01	Denise Paredes	Hello, My name is Denise and I am a constituent of yours. I am calling in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we need to take care of our communities better and not resort to law enforcement to handle issues they are not trained to deal with. I hope instead you invest \$30 million in education, healthcare, affordable housing, and public health. Thank you so much for your time, Denise Paredes

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6/10/2020 18:34	Jillian Giandurco	Hello, I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. To be clear, I am NOT a resident of your city, so no need to respond if you do not see fit. I am simply exercising my freedom of speech because it is the least I can do to ensure the safety of my fellow Americans. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time.

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6/10/2020 18:29	Jessica Anderson	Hello, I'm a resident of District 3 and I'm writing regarding the mayor's proposed 2020-2021. There is three times as much money for policing as for housing. In the midst of a housing crisis which is only exacerbated by COVID-19. This is unacceptable and I demand that the council step up and reduce the police budget drastically, and redirect funds to housing, transit, public defenders, and other areas where SLC can build community and support those who need it most. I ask you, Chris, to seriously consider whether our neighbors in District 3 really need lethally armed patrols to come into our neighborhoods to respond to minor property crimes and "suspicious persons." I ask you to consider whether James Dudley Barker would be dead if his community had insured his basic needs were met, rather than calling in guns to respond to someone looking in cars and asking to shovel driveways. I ask you whether you are comfortable with a status quo where the only tool we have to respond to unhoused members of our community is to send in guns to harass them. I ask you to keep the family and friends of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal in your mind when the council and mayor try to reassure the community that the SLCPD is not like those big city departments. Salt Lake City will continue to grow and diversify, and right now we are on a path to increasing inequality, segregation, and violent policing of Black, minority, and poor residents. We are on a path to more people killed by police. I demand that the city council acknowledge that more money for policing means a less safe Salt Lake City for Black people, other people of color, people living in poverty, and vulnerable LGBT youth. And I beg you to change course now. The city's "pledge to commit to review" police policies is hollow. Many cities, including Minneapolis, have had reformist policies in place for years. They did not save George Floyd's life, and the Minneapolis city council has decided to dismantle the police department entirely. San Jose police shot the Black man who does their implicit bias training. This is not a matter of procedural reform, or good and bad apples, or whether you think Mike Brown is a nice guy. Policing is inherently brutal and racist. It cannot reform itself. You have the opportunity to help create a new vision for public safety, and I'm just asking you to take it. Sincerely, Jessica Anderson
6/10/2020 18:30	Jessica Richardson	Hello, My name is Jessica Richardson and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, UT. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in mental health workers and social workers. If we invest in individuals, we can get to the root of many problems to help them succeed. Sincerely, Jessica Richardson
6/10/2020 18:32	Jessy Tuddenham	Hello, My name is Jessy Tuddenham and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. It has become blazingly apparent that the system as it stands does not serve all fairly and is not providing all citizens with equal protections. I am not safe until ALL are safe. The police have not maintained their end of the social contract, please take the steps to rebuild our city - in fairness and consideration of all. Please let us be a model for other cities nationwide! I hope instead, you invest in education and social services that make our community smarter, safer and more trusting. Sincerely, Jessy Tuddenham

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6/10/2020 18:31	Jessica Tilton	I am a resident of West Jordan. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jessica Tilton
6/10/2020 18:32	Jessica Wyllie	Hello, My name is Jessica Wyllie and I am a resident and student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I feel as though this money would serve better if I'vested into our cities education system and/or housing. Our city is hugely reliant on education given that it is the home of two universities. There are so many students who move here every year, and a 30 million dollar budget would be greatly valuable in providing housing resources to these students, as well as further supporting their education. Sincerely, Jessica Wyllie

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6/10/2020 18:35	Jillyn Spencer	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Jillyn M. Spencer, BA Get Outlook for Android
6/10/2020 18:36	Jim Faulkner	Hi Chris, I hope this message finds you, Chris, and the pups doing well. These are times of emotion and high stakes, but I've been encouraged by some of the progress that has been made toward policereform in US cities over the last few days. I truly think this is a huge opportunity for SLC to be on the right side of addressing the systemic racial inequities of policing in American communities. As a constituent, I hope to see and hear you lead the charge tomorrow in urging the city to take actions to defund and reform the SLCPD. Let's not look back on this moment and wish we'd done more. Best, Jim Faulkner
6/10/2020 18:52	Jonathan España	Hello, My name is Jonathan Espana and I am a current resident of Cottonwood Heights. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our current system does not adequately evaluate the mental health issues or racial biases that result in the use of excessive force and harassment of minorities. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in education, public transit, and mental healthcare mainly for low income districts and diverse communities. Sincerely, Jonathan Espana

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6/10/2020 18:46	John Hedberg	<p>Dear Mr. Dugan (Dan), I read in the Trib this morning that folks are writing in to their council members with advice about police funding here in Salt Lake City. What happened to #GeorgeFloyd is horrific, and behavioral and procedurereforms are definitely long overdue, obviously, but I think we need an increase in police funding, first to pay for the new training, and second to flood communities with genuine "peace" officers who are there to keep folks safe, do CPR in emergencies until EMT's arrive, walk kids to school when their parents have to be at work early, help out old folks getting groceries in and out and keeping things tight, especially during this dangerous pandemic time, and generally being all-around Andy Griffith type people to the folks they serve. We need more of these kind of officers, well-trained and there to be a 'blessing', even to go to the different churches with the community, so they get to know the needs of the communities they serve, and people know them. This may sound like pie-in-the-sky, but I think police who are well-trained, well-spoken, helpful, and well-known are what helps communities really thrive in that aura of trust that ensues. Cutting police seems like it undoes all the good progress, both past and possible, in favor of a rationale of fear, with even less of a safety net of protection. So, if you're looking for a vote, please don't defund police, but like your own family, make sure they get the feedback, training, and resources to learn how to do a great job, and then sit back and listen to the pleasant feedback. Thank you, and Take Care in this COVID time, you and your family~</p> <p>John Hedberg</p>



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6/10/2020 18:38	Joan Gregory	<p>I am a resident of Salt Lake City District 6 and I am writing about the SLC Budget and Funding for the SLCPD. I think it is MOST important to listen to the people of color in our Salt Lake community and take significant action based on their recommendations. I am white and privileged and I am appalled at the actions of police and police departments across the country and here in SLC. But whatever you decide to do should not be done based on my comments alone but with full involvement of our SLC black communities. It is time for transformation // disruptive intervention // radical change to assure that "Black Lives Matter" is how we live, how we act, and what we do in Salt Lake City. I offer 4 short reads/videos to help with envisioning what this could look like: 1. "#AbolishThePolice is fundamentally different than policereform. Policereform has largely failed because it tries to tweak and change a corrupt system. Abolishing police is about starting fresh. Lots of discourse happening right now on how to do that." SOURCE: Abolish the Police? Yes, and Here's Why &lt;<a href="https://demcastusa.com/2020/06/06/the-case-to-abolish-the-police-and-how-to-replace-them/">https://demcastusa.com/2020/06/06/the-case-to-abolish-the-police-and-how-to-replace-them/</a>&gt; . (Bridget Eileen Rivera) June 6, 2020. 4 min read 2. Phillip Atiba Goff, Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice. What Does It Mean To Dismantle a Police Department? &lt;<a href="https://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow/watch/what-does-it-mean-to-dismantle-a-police-department-84734533782">https://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow/watch/what-does-it-mean-to-dismantle-a-police-department-84734533782</a>&gt; 8:32 min. video 3. Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man &lt;<a href="https://plsonline.eku.edu/sites/plsonline.eku.edu/files/the-history-of-policing-in-us.pdf">https://plsonline.eku.edu/sites/plsonline.eku.edu/files/the-history-of-policing-in-us.pdf</a>&gt; ( Emmanuel Acho) 9:27 min. video 4. The History of Policing &lt;<a href="https://plsonline.eku.edu/sites/plsonline.eku.edu/files/the-history-of-policing-in-us.pdf">https://plsonline.eku.edu/sites/plsonline.eku.edu/files/the-history-of-policing-in-us.pdf</a>&gt; . Gary Potter, Professor, Eastern Kentucky University School of Justice Studies 1 hr. read I am writing to urge the Salt Lake City Council to adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community well-being and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing. We can no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? Immediate action is required. Black people are demanding that their voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. And it is our responsibility as white people to support them in this call for action. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. It is time to adopt a People's Budget. Thank you for your time, Joan M. Gregory</p>
6/10/2020 18:40	Joe Edler	<p>Hello, My name is Joseph Edler, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe the police system is corrupt, and there is no need to waste money on bullies given power to use deadly force whenever they see fit. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million on homelessness, and rehabilitation, rather than incarceration of drug addicts into a never ending perpetual cycle of addiction and lost cause. Sincerely, Joseph Edler Sent from my iPhone</p>
6/10/2020 18:41	Joe Smith	<p>Hello, I am extremely disappointed with the previous city council meeting. The council had received numerous comments calling for the reduction of the police budget and using that money to invest in programs that actually benefit the community. Instead of seriously discussing these comments, they were flippantly dismissed with an irrelevant comment. As a resident of Salt Lake City, I implore you to take the feedback and concerns of your constituents seriously. Thank you, J. Smith</p>

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6/10/2020 18:52	Jonathan Holmgren	I am a resident of Central Ninth District. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jonathan Holmgren
6/10/2020 18:39	Jocelyn Kirkpatrick	Hello, My name is Jocelyn Kirkpatrick and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Please listen to your constituents. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in the public school system (I don't even have children) and into mental health and care for our homeless population. This is important. Sincerely, Jocelyn Kirkpatrick
6/10/2020 18:45	John Hayes	Hello, My name is John Hayes and I am a resident Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the entire system, especially that of the police needs to be rethought. it's important for the safety of our citizens, for the communities of color and the black community. it's important to me because of the future of my beautiful nephew, who is black. it's time to do things differently. The current system isn't working. It just isn't. it's important to me that the 30 million plus dollars of the budget be allocated to uplifting communities, instead of brutally policing and oppressing them. Sincerely, John Hayes

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6/10/2020 18:48	Jon Lok	Hello, My name is Jon Lok and I am a [RESIDENT OF, WORKER IN, STUDENT IN] Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the time is NOW for a change in all that is wrong with this country. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, housing, helping the homeless, transportation, ending corruption within the judicial system and holding those who are hiding behind a badge to the same judicial standards that all of us Americans have to live by. Sincerely, Jon Lok Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 18:49	Jonah Evans	Good Afternoon, My name is Jonah Evans and I am a lifelong resident of Salt Lake City. Me and many other members of our community are demanding a drastic budget cut to the SLCPD because we bell've that our police department, along with many others across the nation, is far beyondreform. I would also like to demand justice for the family of Bernardo Palacios. The officers that brutally mutilated the already lifeless body of Bernardo Palacios need to be terminated and charged with abuse or desecration of a dead human body (76-9-704). I also request the termination Chief Mike Brown as he as shown complacency through this tragedy and refuses to speak out against his fellow officers. Solutions to the systematic oppression our Black and Latino communities face daily cannot be achI'ved by relying on our officers to perform the social work they were never trained to do. I bell've that it would be in our city's best interest to propose a 30 million dollar budget cut from the police department and direct those funds to support those communities that the police were designed to silence. We need to adopt a community oriented and focused budget plan to support programs designed to assist, not incarcerate. Areas like Education, Housing, and Healthcare need to be prioritized over our historically violent, oppressive police department here in Salt Lake City. At this time of widespread upheaval over the systematic violence policing has brought to Black people across the nation, it is crucial that we, as the leading state in the disproportional slaughter of innocent people of color at the hands of police, stop being complicit and set the bar for tangible progression by inciting real change. We now, more than ever, have to support those affected by the state-funded violence and maltreatment. It is now time to I'vest in the Black and Latino futures that our city has methodically suppressed over countless years. Thanks, Jonah Evans
6/10/2020 18:50	Jonathan Bruns	Hello, My name is Jonathan Bruns, I am a resident and taxpayer of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is an important step in recognizing the systemic failure of the police in upholding our founding documents decree. That all man is created equal. It will also be the beginning of long overdue reparations to our black community. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in social programs that help the homeless, improve mental health, and start healing/I'vesting in predominately black/hispanic/minority communities. Sincerely, Jonathan Bruns

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6/10/2020 18:51	Jonathan Campbell	Dear Salt Lake City Council, I'm concerned about the rhetoric to defund the police. Our police are essential members of society and are performing an invaluable service. If anything, we should be talking about increasing Police salaries and giving them more resources that they need. Think about the good a single policeman does in a given day, by providing assistance to those who call for help, enforcing the laws that our society has deemed to be important, assisting victims of crimes, accidents and tragedies, helping to keep our schools safe, keeping our streets safe from drugs and crime, I could go on and on. Multiply that by the number of police on the force and you have thousands of positive acts every day. Are we willing to throw away that positive force because of the media-hyped rage stemming from terrible incidents that occurred thousands of miles away from our community? I bell've most folks think the same way, but unfortunately are being scared into silence due to the fear of being labeled a racist. At this time we need clear thinking leaders who would never consider putting the safety of their citizens at risk in an attempt to be accepted by the more vocal, yet radical participants in this debate. Please DO NOT defund the police! Sincerely, Jonathan Campbell
6/10/2020 18:58	Jordan Smith	Hello, My name is Jordan Smith and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've in our city and know we can build a new, fair, just, police force. Sincerely, Jordan Smith Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 18:55	Joni Barlow	Hello, My name is Joni Barlow and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because your actions regarding this budget and the hiring freeze will communicate to the public where your priorities lie. Please Let'salt Lake City be a shining example of what to do after a protest. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, housing, and medical assistance for underserved populations. Sincerely, Joni Barlow
6/10/2020 18:57	Jordan Durham	Hello, My name is Jordan Durham and I am from Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I feel it can make a big change in how our community handles issues that overall benefits everyone. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in the education system and social services. Sincerely, Jordan Durham

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6/10/2020 18:55	Jordan Burringo	Hello, My name is Jordan Burringo and I have been a resident and employee inSalt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I don't want to fear the police for their brutality and injustice. I don't want to worry about my father being pulled over and getting murdered. I don't want to see any more injustice in the streets by those that are supposed to protect us. The police, along with so many institutions was founded in rac'l'm. Without defunding the police, reconstructing it and finding proper solutions that do not lead to brute force and murder, there will be no justice. There will be no peace. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in our public education, our communities, our underprivileged families and citizens. Sincerely, Jordan Burringo
6/10/2020 18:59	Jordan Vogel	Hi, my name is Jordan Vogel. I grew up and went to school in Salt Lake County. I am writing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million and reallocate the money to community-building services. The police have too many responsibilities and have become too militarized. Police who can shoot Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal 20+ times yet still fail when Lauren McCluskey calls for help are not benefiting the community. I support the NAACP and BLM's demands toreform and limit the responsibility of the police department and to prop-up community services more capable of handling issues such as mental health, rehabilitation, poverty, etc.. Please be a leader to the rest of the country inreforming and re-training to create a police department where officers de-escalate violence, feel safe to report misconduct, and have that misconduct justly penalized. thank you, Jordan Vogel
6/10/2020 19:06	Joseph Maloy	Hello, My name is Joseph Maloy and I am a resident of and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in public education and better addressing the needs of our homeless population. Sincerely, Joseph Maloy Sent from my iPhone

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6/10/2020 19:07	Joseph Simpson	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Joseph Simpson
6/10/2020 19:11	Joseph Worden	I am a resident of downtown SLC. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering people of color. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Joseph Worden

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6/10/2020 19:39	Nicole Taylor	The police budget needs to be reduced so the city can introduce and focus more resources to fix underlying issues. The police are trying to fill too many roles, but the issue is the only training/qualifications they receive is how to use force and how to profile. The city needs to allocate funds to other resources, such as counseling, women's shelters, better homeless shelters, addiction rehabilitation, and mental health solutions. These resources would be more valuable to the community, and yield better results. it's time we start trying to heal the city instead of using force for conformity. The police budget is extremely disproportionate to other city's services, while statistics show how ineffective the police are at handling what is on their plate.
6/10/2020 19:15	Derya Akbaba	This is my THIRD message regarding defunding the salt lake police department. My name is Derya Akbaba and I am both a resident and a student in Salt Lake City. I am asking, demanding, imploring that before the council votes, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget. I believe that money can be reallocated elsewhere and will serve better use to the citizens of our city. I think affordable housing, parks, mental health, and social work services should be allocated the money! Also, please maintain a HIRING FREEZE on any new police officer. We don't need new cops. This is important to me because I think as a city we can find other methods of maintaining peace that don't resort to violence and unjust uses of power.
6/10/2020 19:24	Josie Cluff	Hello, My name is Josie Cluff and I am a Salt Lake City Utah and a member of the health care field. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our country is supposed to be FREE. ALL OF US. Black lives are included in that and it does not see that way. These funds can be EVENLY distributed in our country to serve a better life style and a SAFE lifestyle for EVERYONE. Unconditional love, support, fairness, etc is expected and it doesn't seem to be these things at all. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in black communities, homeless population, health care, and parks and recreation devoted to BLM. Sincerely, Josie Cluff
6/10/2020 19:19	Josh Jensen	Hello, My name is Josh Jensen and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in housing, green energy, public transportation, education. Sincerely, Josh Jensen
6/10/2020 19:23	Josie Brown	Hello, My name is Josie Brown and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Josie Brown



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6/10/2020 19:20	Josh Walter	Hello, My name is Josh Walter and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the system is broken and disproportionately targets people of color. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into social programs and education. Sincerely, Josh Walter
6/10/2020 19:25	Josie Cordova	I am a resident of Poplar Grove, council district 2. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Josie Cordova
6/10/2020 19:29	Julia Alcox	Hello, My name is Julia Alcox and I am a resident, previous student, current full-time Mechanical Engineer in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to the Utah's school system and education fund. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because my mom is a teacher and has been for 20 years. She has experienced budget cuts to the school district every single year. The police department has only received increases. I strongly to urge you toward reallocation of resources. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in Utah's school districts and community resources. If possible, I also highly encourage reading into how education of the youth directly impacts the rest of their life. Utah has a severely underfunded school system. Please, do something for your community. Sincerely, Julia Alcox

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6/10/2020 19:26	Josie Kolbeck	Hello, My name is Josephine Rheanna Kolbeck and I am a resident and student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there is no need to put so much money into the SLPD when it could be going to something like public education. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public education systems or the public health of your citizens. Sincerely, Josephine Kolbeck
6/10/2020 19:27	Juan Lopez	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Juan LopeZ

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6/10/2020 19:37	Juniper Heidenfeld	I am a resident of Salt Lake City . I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Juniper heidenfeld Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 19:28	Julane Machado	I am a resident of Millcreek, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time. Julane Machado

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6/10/2020 19:33	Julia Prata	Hello, My name is Julia Prata, and I am a current resident of Salt Lake City. I am e-mailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote is called for, the city must make drastic cuts to the. SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and re-allocate that money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is very important, not only to me but my peers, my family, and my community because we have had enough of the over funding and militarization of the police force. The police no longer protect and serve, they use their power for their own personal benefit while suppressing those they supposedly help. I am sick and tired of watching people being viciously murdered by people who are too scared to de-escalate situations and shoot first out of instinct. The tactics police are being taught are a gross mishandling of justice. I suggest instead, you I'vest that money into building more homeless shelters, especially ones for abused women and children. I suggest instead you I'vest that money into a mental health program which can handle situations with better solutions than arresting those in need of help. I suggest we use this money to mend those who are in need, not put them in even more dire of straits. Thank you so much for your time. I do hope you consider this uprising of the people as a sign that we will not be silenced any longer. It is time you do your jobs and serve the people. Sincerely, Julia Prata
6/10/2020 19:35	Julia Wihongi	I am a resident of Pleasant Grove. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well-documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Julia Wihongi
6/10/2020 19:35	Juliana Van Hook	Hello, My name is Juliana Van Hook and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I bell've this change in the structure of law enforcement will be highly beneficial to all members of the Salt Lake City community. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Juliana Van Hook

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6/10/2020 19:34	Julia Sherman	Hello, My name is Julia Sherman and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in access to education, healthcare, mental health resources, and improving homelessness in our city. Sincerely, Julia Sherman
6/10/2020 19:37	June Marsh	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, June Marsh
6/10/2020 19:39	Justin Price	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, JP.

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6/10/2020 19:39	Justin Mitchell	Hello, My name is Justin Mitchell and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 31 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there are other options that are set up to protect and serve. Current police force feels archaic and we as a society have the tools to do better.( <a href="https://twtext.com/article/1266781615763709954">https://twtext.com/article/1266781615763709954</a> ). I hope instead, you I'vest \$31 million in community building services. Sincerely, Justin
6/10/2020 19:42	Jyoti Sharma	Hello, My name is Jyoti Sharma and I am a medical student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because this money can be going towards other services that support all members of community and create a safer city. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in community mental health outreach programs, providing shelters to combat homelessness, and healthcare outreach clinics. Sincerely, Jyoti Sharma
6/10/2020 19:41	Justin Richardson	Hello, My name is Justin Richardson and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because i am tired of seeing our tax money go toward militarizing our police force. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in more shelters and programs for the homelessness pandemic. Sincerely, Justin Richardson
6/10/2020 19:54	Skye Staley	How easy is it for you to turn your back on our city's first responders when it's the flavor of the week? If not for its timing, how likely is it that this particular officer-involved shooting would have quickly faded into memory with no "cries for justice" from the city council, like every one preceding it? You should be exemplifying leadership and bringing people together, not make inflammatory and as of yet unfounded statements about a shooting of which you know nothing other than what you've seen in a dark and grainy video. Palacios-Carbajal was a convicted felon and had just committed aggravated robbery. How do you think his victim from that night feels, knowing that the man who robbed him at gunpoint is the one getting praise and calls for justice? Or his victim from October, who had a gun pointed at his head? it's not enough that our police officers should be besieged by angry protestors, have one of their own trapped in her vehicle and able to escape only minutes before it was flipped over and lit on fire, be beaten with baseball bats, have rocks thrown at them, insults hurled at them, their homes and workplace vandalized, but to be completely abandoned by city leadership- it's shameful. These men and women work hard to keep our city'safe, and right now there is no safe place for them to turn to. don't be a part of that.

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6/10/2020 20:16	Michael Pauulsen	Hi, my name is Michael Paulsen and I am a resident of Salt Lake. We are calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and I'vest in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. In the 2020-2021 budget, please consider the following. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring any new officers. Please vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police Department's budget. Please vote for at least \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. Protect and expand current I'vestment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of I'vesting in police. Do everything in your power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to I'mediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to I'vest in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line I'vest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes I'vest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources I'vest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods Funding for after-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public schools Increase the funding of public defenders, who are only allocated \$1,292,774, with no increase from last year I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dl'missive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Michael Paulsen



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6/10/2020 20:46	Bridget Koza	<p>I write to demand that the City Council adopt a budget that prioritizes community well-being and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing as well as a pandemic with severe economic consequences that require real change be made to the way Salt Lake City allocates its resources. Salt Lake city's budget should adequately and effectively meet the needs of at-risk SLC residents during this trying and uncertain time. We need to ensure that COVID-19 budget cuts do not affect education, social services, and community programs but rather be drawn from the SLCPD. The budget should promote the safety and well-being of Salt Lake city's current residents, rather than arresting, displacing, or incarcerating my neighbors. We don't need a militarized police force. To fight crime, we need to create a space in which more mental health service providers, social workers, victim/survivor advocates, religious leaders, neighbors, and friends - all of the people who really make up our community can look out for one another. We also should not settle lawsuits for police misbehavior, and we should not allow government attorneys to spend their time and city dollars defending these lawsuits. We also need to redirect funds divested from policing to provide for educational opportunities, youth programs, environmental justice initiatives, mental health resources, agricultural and food-based inequality programs, sexual assault services, and social work services to our communities. Any proposed plans for ensuring the safety of Black and other marginalized people in our community from racial profiling by police and other security forces needs input from members of the marginalized communities themselves. To create effective and transformational change, the Council needs to engage, empower, and utilize voices of these marginalized communities in all aspects of decision-making. It not only demonstrates respect but it also recognizes that they are experts on their circumstances and are the individuals most knowledgeable about solutions that will benefit them. Thank you for your time, Bridget Koza</p>

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6/10/2020 20:48	Eric Johnson	I write to demand that the City Council adopt a budget that prioritizes community well-being and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing as well as a pandemic with severe economic consequences that require real change be made to the way Salt Lake City allocates its resources. Salt Lake city's budget should adequately and effectively meet the needs of at-risk SLC residents during this trying and uncertain time. We need to ensure that COVID-19 budget cuts do not affect education, social services, and community programs but rather be drawn from the SLCPD. The budget should promote the safety and well-being of Salt Lake city's current residents, rather than arresting, displacing, or incarcerating my neighbors. We don't need a militarized police force. To fight crime, we need to create a space in which more mental health service providers, social workers, victim/survivor advocates, religious leaders, neighbors, and friends - all of the people who really make up our community can look out for one another. We also should not settle lawsuits for police misbehavior, and we should not allow government attorneys to spend their time and city dollars defending these lawsuits. We also need to redirect funds divested from policing to provide for educational opportunities, youth programs, environmental justice initiatives, mental health resources, agricultural and food-based inequality programs, sexual assault services, and social work services to our communities. Any proposed plans for ensuring the safety of Black and other marginalized people in our community from racial profiling by police and other security forces needs input from members of the marginalized communities themselves. To create effective and transformational change, the Council needs to engage, empower, and utilize voices of these marginalized communities in all aspects of decision-making. It not only demonstrates respect but it also recognizes that they are experts on their circumstances and are the individuals most knowledgeable about solutions that will benefit them. Thank you for your time, Eric Johnson
6/10/2020 21:59	Jennie Lloyd	I'm really concerned about the talk to defund the SLCPD. There are obviously changes to be made, but I fear a reactionary knee jerk response may have unintended consequences. I hope we can bring together thoughtful, knowledgeable people representing many points of view to sit down together and listen and learn and come up with new solutions. I am confident that Salt Lake can come up with solutions that fit our community and needs and they may look very different than what other cities are doing. I hope we'll take the time to thoughtfully take steps to move in new, positive directions.
6/10/2020 22:20	Anonymous Constituent	Hello, I wanted to voice my opinion against the police budget cuts proposed. I bell've that doing so would be counter productive in making sure officers have proper training and staffing. We need police for many jobs the general public does not when have to worry about. i bell've with the cut in budgets and police force crime rates will increase. Which will force law abiding citizens and businesses out. Please consider economic and safety impact before making a decision based off of a quick reaction.

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6/10/2020 22:25	Megan Kratz	I recently looked through the report that the town staff prepared for the SLCPD budget discussion scheduled for tomorrow. I saw options for increasing the police budget to allow for more body cams and more training. Further increases in the police budget directly contradict the many requests for you to decrease the budget for the police! While I agree that all officers should have body cams and all officers should have more training, we do not need to spend more money on a police department that is killing our neighbors. Like many other citizens have also requested, I ask you to take \$30 million from the SLCPD budget and put it into addressing housing, food security and community development. Defunding police is not inconsistent with mandating body cams and training; it will mean layoffs or paycuts for officers, but when police kill and harass us fewer police on the streets makes us safer. Please, defund the police!
6/10/2020 22:30	Jan Bigelow	Please do not cut the police Department's budget! The police department is doing an exceptional job at responding to not only the day-to-day crisis in our community but also the recent protests and related events. While we are asking so much of our police officers right now, this is not the time to cut their budget. If budget cuts are made, this could have devastating affects on public safety. Funding the police department at this critical time will enable police officers to continue to respond to the urgent needs in our community. If there are concerns about rac'l'm within the police department (unfounded at this point), work can continue to happen to address these concerns while appropriately funding their essential services.
6/10/2020 22:47	Anonymous Constituent	don't take money away from police. If you paid them more maybe you would get more people applying and you wouldn't be taking the only people that pass all the tests.
6/10/2020 22:55	Ashley Parker	Hello, my name is Ashley Parker, I want to voice my opinion against the police budget cut proposed. I bell've that doing so would be counter productive in making sure officers have proper training and staffed. We need police for many jobs the general public does not have to worry about. We saw what happened when Officer Lyday was called out on a DV. Could you imagine what have happened if it was an unarmed social worker? I bell've with the cut in budgets police force, crime rates will increase. Which will force law abiding citizens and businesses out. Please consider economic and safety impact before making a decision based off of a quick reaction. Thank you
6/10/2020 23:01	anne roberts	Seriously!? We do not want to defund the law enforcement. who protected us during the riots when looters were attacking our city? Law Enforcement. How ridiculous can'this be to even be an option. to make matters worse, you have forced us to be fearful of posting our opinion anywhere and coming to the City Council due to retaliation. Stop the discrimination of our citizens and law enforcement. NO defunding.

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6/10/2020 23:12	Jessica Shipp	Please do not defund our police. If any one of our Greater Salt Lake Valley cities defunds the police it will affect the surrounding cities. I am troubled that this is even being considered or discussed. If anything, we should increase funding for police to receive additional training, particularly in how to deescalate and manage high stress situations, including violent armed suspect scenarios, as well as how to coordinate appropriately with other departments when dealing with situations that may involve mental health, drug abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, etc. I would be open-minded to review boards to increase accountability, but only if the board consisted of equal parts ex law enforcement, criminal law experts, constitutional law experts, and diverse civilians. Police have very stressful jobs and they need both support and accountability to walk the fine lines they must walk. I'd rather see budget managers statewide look for ways to save and reallocate resources within other departments, such as social services, workforce services, human services, health, etc., to see if they can develop a network of dedicated resources to be more involved with police, a network to offer full time support, than to defund police at all. Thank you.
6/10/2020 23:13	Michelle Brazer	Please do not defund any part of the police department. If areform is needed, it is to add trainings for our police force to use deescalation tactics and other new, less-lethal strategies. Newreform for certain emergency calls that are not police required would be great, but do not reduce any part of theit funding.

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6/10/2020 23:20	Sarah Gray	I know there will always be good cops and bad cops. But this is truth. What do we want from our police force? The nation is asking officers to be EVERYTHING for EVERYONE. To be super human in all aspects of every situation. To be willing to work for little pay and be the best social worker, hostage negotiator, de escalator, etc. all while paying them the bare minimum. it's a lot like teachers. Fix everything and do more but get paid nothing. Be highly trained and educated, exceptionally skilled in combat and military tactics, have a 99% target accuracy and be paid entry level wages that are far below the national average wage for all professions. What do we want from officers? If we want to revamp police policies; perhaps, rather than take money away, we should be adding money, increasing salaries to draw the best possible candidates, ensuring that officers have the latest technology and information, and continually providing real time training. I know that funding is low. Did you know that Weber County Sheriff?s Office only received tactical bullet proof vests within the last five years? And they were not from the police budget. They were from don?tions. How is this possible? How do we not provide every method of protection in order to help an officer feel confident. How do we help society understand that we could never begin to comprehend what an officer?s every day life is like? Does every politician or city administrator need to spend a day in a tactical simulation and see how stressful it is to make educated, well thought out, highly intricate decisions in less than a second? How do we show society how a typical interaction is handled? You get the call for a potential drunk driver. You arrive and run the vehicle plate. You speak with driver and obtain ID. You run the info and realize this is the same person you dealt with two weeks ago. You run the ID and realize this is an individual who has multiple aggravated assault convictions. You run the ID and realize you don't know who it is behind the wheel? Now what? We see in professional baseball where outfielders? error. They aren?t talking to each other and no on knows who is trying to catch the midfield fly. They run into each other at top speed. They both stop thinking the other will go. We accept these incidents as human error. Errors made by professionals who earn tens of millions of dollars, have the most impressive technological information, and practice daily. But we cannot accept the errors of officers? Do we all fire at the fleeing gun wielding subject? Do none of us fire? If none of us fire and he turns and shoots we have grievously errored. If all of us shoot we have grievously errored. We are paid on average \$50,000 per year, using subpar gear, with some training. Help us. Help them. Fund officers. Show them that this is an honorable occupation that is highly paid, technologically supported, and continually trained in all aspects of police activity and interaction. Yes we need to find the officers who are biased and unprofessional. It is our job as community members to demand that police receive the tools and funding necessary to ensure that they are functioning at their highest potential. Help them. ADVOCATE FOR THEM. Support the men and wimen who put their lives on the line for us everyday.
6/11/2020 0:39	Anonymous Constituent	the is honestly the dumbest thing your could do. If you want these officers to continue to work hard you probably shouldn't cut their budget. They already don't get paid enough as is!
6/11/2020 1:25	Cole Christensen	Please Do Not defund the police. They are already shorthanded. We are scared of the crime getting worse in our neighborhood, especially if some one breaks into our house and no one comes to help us.

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6/11/2020 5:49	Roslin Castell	<p>Good Morning, In these times of crisis, we are so grateful to you, our elected officials, for being so open to making the bold changes necessary to achl've true progress. As it becomes more clear that we need to do something drastically different, we turn to you to identify and create a new infrastructure that somehow instantly deals with centuries-old conflicts. I can only imagine how overwhelming the whole situation must feel right now. I bet it is so difficult to find unique solutions that satisfy everyone. I fully bell've in your capabilities. Since things are happening so quickly, I wanted to submit to you a project that my colleagues and I developed while writing our Master's Theses.. We study Global Change Management at the University for Sustainable Development in Germany. This is an evidence-based, multifaceted approach that we developed in order to deal with nationwide crime, rampant unemployment, extreme political unrest and a very unstable economic situation. In our scenario, these changes were prompted by an unexpected climate disaster. However, the pandemic has caused almost the exact conditions of our theoretical scenario. This year has been astounding because it follows our modeling and this strategy becomes more relevant as the months go by. I submit it to you for your consideration. As we discuss cutting the police budget, it is crucial that We'reredirect at least a portion of it to dealing with the root causes of crime: anti-social behavior (lack of community), poverty/unemployment/underemployment (no way to make a meaningful living), low self-esteem (no feeling of support, belonging or importance),drug or alcohol abuse (often related to having no coping tools or hobby), lack of positive role models, low education (often related to feeling what they learn is school is useless OR lack of access to education), family violence (often due to parental frustration due to lack of support/feeling they have too much on their plate), mental or physical illness (often related to lack of exercise, healthy food or mindfulness/coping techniques). We developed a solution that resolves almost every one of these issues. After a seed I'vestment, it is a self-sustaining economy which supports people, their passions, their connections, and their well-being in such a way that boundaries caused by race, religion, gender and age fall away effortlessly. We shift the focus onto what people accomplish, how they accomplish it and who they help along the way. When we are engrossed in learning, creation and collaboration, the color of the other person?s skin, the God they worship and how old they are become as important as what position they like to sleep in. When you?re not focused on those things, they don't matter. The most productive way we can convince people to bring their focus away from those things is to give them the tools, resources and incentives to create. We have a system for that, and we would love your help getting it'started here in our very own hometown. In order for people to self-govern, they need to feel as though they are part of something. Something they support so strongly that they will regulate and protect it. 1 of 3 *Continued Below*</p>

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6/11/2020 5:49	Roslin Castell	<p>2 of 3 *Continued Above* This must be a system which supports their dreams, beliefs and ideals. In a country with so many diverse types of people, creating a system to do that may seem impossible. But it's not. Today, we will discuss a system that taps into our most innate human desire: the desire to create an empire. Whether we look at the Legions of Rome or the modern American household, we see that we all want to leave a legacy. This new legacy must be different. It must not be built on the backs of others. It must be built on collaboration. We no longer need it to suppress and alienate others for the sake of achieving our aims. Ultimately, this outdated mentality is what brought us here today. What we are seeing now are vestiges of old beliefs that told us we had to see blacks as property so we could exploit them. A latent fear that if we allow blacks and minorities to have the same privileges and resources that we have, that there won't be enough to maintain our own small empires, with their many luxuries and conveniences. We base our identities on the things we own. In doing so, we have created a fear that if those things are taken from us, we will cease to be anything. So we struggle, day in and day out, going to jobs we hate, feeling a deep sense of emptiness, eagerly awaiting the weekend. We can't wait to let loose and forget how much we hate our lives. We constantly dangle a carrot in front of ourselves, telling ourselves that if we save enough to buy that truck, house, boat or other item, that we will suddenly achI've happiness. We are shocked when it doesn't work. Once we buy that thing, we enjoy it for a while, show it off to our friends, and sooner or later we find that it didn't bring us the deep sense of fulfillment we were searching for. So we begin the process again, a constant loop where we force ourselves to do a host of things we don't like so we can purchase things we don't need. Over and over again. What if we could escape from that? What if we could redefine ourselves by the things we love, the things we create and the people we help? I know it'sounds utopian, but we are living in an amazing time in history where those things can - and must be - our empires. My name is Roslin Castell. I drove here from Salt Lake City to talk to you about a system where, for a fraction of what we have been spending on policing, we can implement a system that allows people to create their own legacies. To be recognized for their talents. To learn, to grow, to connect, to become something truly great. A system that will give them something to do, a way to find their purpose, their place and their passion. A means to find fulfillment and to be recognized. A system that not only protects communities, businesses and people, but also protects our planet.The idea I'm suggesting is something totally different, something totally new. Just like defunding the police, it is essential if we hope to progress. It has never been done before, and it may take some patience and fight and tuning to get it exactly right. However, once we create it, it will sustain itself, creating health and wealth as it brings us into the future. This system is called Slightly Social Club. It is a hybrid community center, healthy living center, entertal'ment center and continuing education center. 2 of 3 *Continued Below*</p>



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6/11/2020 5:49	Roslin Castell	<p>3 of 3 *Continued Above* At Slightly Social Club, we bell've creativity is not just for children. it's how we find ourselves, rell've stress and form lifelong relationships. We bell've the ability to showcase and improve our talents, to get feedback and to be recognized is the key to creating worthwhile lives. Evidence also shows providing access to fulfilling pastimes and supportive communities reduces crime, depression, anxiety and suicide. We bell've that true health comes not from a pill, but from forming a mindful relationship with yourself, your body and your peers. We bell've true happiness can only be achl'ved when a person has friendships and support. People need to be involved in a community that consistently motivates them to pursue their dreams and try new things. A community that encourages them to expand their skills so they can'turn their dreams into reality. We bell've that uniting people based on their passions, aspirations and goals is the best way to overcome barriers created by age, race, gender, and religion.The only way we see to achl've true progress is by creating a system that looks at the beauty people have inside of themselves. A system that rewards them for their art, music or other passions; a system that judges them based on their skills, their kindness and their compassion. For the stories they can'tell, the emotions they evoke and the way they bring out the best in other people. We imagine a future where creativity is the new currency, where people are able to travel where they wish and pursue their passions easily, without having to work for years at jobs they hate. We have created a framework that makes this entirely possible. We are living in an age of rel'vention. We are living in a time of uncertainty where jobs are threatened by outsourcing or automation. Instead of fearing these changes, we can l'vest in a system that can't be automated. A system where people, in being creative, by doing the things that make us feel most alive, can'truly find happiness and security. The changes are already happening; we can't continue consuming as we have in the past. We are coming to realize that having more stuff only placates us for so long. We can choose to ignore them. We can wait for crisis, unemployment and crime. Or we can'take proactive measures to ensure we stay one step ahead. We can choose to put a Band-Aid on the problems of today. Or we can choose to build a bridge into the future. That bridge is connection. That bridge is creation. That bridge is Slightly Social Club. Thank you. Is this something you would consider funding? Why or what not? I would love to discuss further with you. Implementing a system like this opens the door for a widespread change in focus: from how people look outside to the beauty they have inside. As the first city to implement it, you could serve as a beacon of hope and guidance for others around the country who are struggling. Please reach out to me when you find it most convenient. I have poor reception at my house so if I don't answer, if you could kindly leave a voicemail or send me a text I will get back with you ASAP. Thank you very much for your time. Roslin T. Castell</p>
6/11/2020 6:21	Anonymous Constituent	<p>I bell've defunding police is probably the stupidest idea I have heard in a long time. do you even realize the horrible effects this will have on our communities. law enforcement does far more good than bad. you are punishing thousands of law enforcement officers for the actions of a few. all this protest and stupidity mayhem in the streets is simply folks bored at home after months of covid lock downs. making such drastic decisions with absulotly terrifying aftermath because a small (seriously not many in the broad spec of people) are wanting to basically get away with breaking laws with no punishment. is STUPID. absolutely dumb assery</p>

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6/11/2020 7:10	Kara Hagan	I was alarmed and shocked that the Council is considering defunding the police department. All that will accomplish is to make officers jobs harder, increase crime and deteriorate public trust. Kara Hagan
6/11/2020 7:23	Kalvin Lazarte	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Calvin Lazarte 1149 e 6720 s kalvin.lazarte@gmail.com 801.919.4821 Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 7:36	mariah deeben	I ask you to NOT defund the police. Doing so would be reckless and rash behavior driven by emotions and not sound thinking. Defunding the police would cause danger to the city and to the people living/visiting there. So again I ask/demand that you DO NOT defund the police. I ask that you DO NOT fall into the political peer pressure of making an emotional decision. Make the right and logical decision of NOT defunding the police.
6/11/2020 7:41	Ashlie Henrie	please do not defund our police. we truly need them, and I think they don't make enough as it is now. Their job is hard, and we need good people who want to be and become officers. we need to show them respect for all they do for us.
6/11/2020 7:45	Bethany Callister	I am not in favor of defunding the police. I am also not in favor of police brutality, but I absolutely bell've in strengthening our police force, not defunding it, and bell've it is in the best interest of every citizen to have a strong police force.

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6/11/2020 7:57	Kalyn West	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,

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6/11/2020 8:34	Karlla Ramirez-Saurdiff	Hello, My name is Karlla and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because, I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into our communities to enrich them.

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6/11/2020 8:15	Karen Kener	Mayor Mendenhall, Council'member Rogers, Council'member Johnston, Council'member Wharton, Council'member Valdemoros, Council'member Mano, Council'member Dugan, and Council'member Fowler, After returning home from my 7th consecutive day on duty for the Salt Lake City Police Department'supporting the intelligence efforts related to civil unrest in the city, I caught a statement issued by the council that suggested you are considering slashing the budget of the Department. As I am sure you have heard from the many voices on the opposing side, I feel the need to speak up in support of our Department. Systemic change is needed. This goes far beyond one incident, this goes far beyond police. People need to be held accountable for their wrong doing. But making such far reaching decisions, like slashing the budget, without proper research and understanding only creates more problems. Defunding the Department or slashing our budget and releasing damaging statements like these breed hate, low morale, discontent, high turnover, and most importantly, I fl'mly bell've that this would lead to an increase in crime. As a part of the Department's crime analysis team, I see, study, compare, map, compute, and follow up on the crime in the city. We partner with Command Staff, Captains, Lieutenants, Sergeants, Officers, Dispatchers, Social Workers and more to fight against those who pray on our great city. We also see the proactive efforts these same individuals put forth to prevent crime, save victims, and build community relationships. We need these officers, we need their ownership of the streets they patrol, we need their winning attitudes in the department to build a brighter future. Cutting the budget doesn?t slow calls for service from coming in, it just means less officers. Less officers on the street means there is less time for proactive work, less time to spend connecting with the community and it means more victims. As a civilian employee, I would likely be one of the reductions necessary to accommodate such a budget slash. My position includes gathering crime data and statistics for the city to make decisions, identifying and assessing threats to the city, it's citizens, and yourselves, and so much more. I am proud of the work I and my squad do and bell've it plays an essential role in aiding the Department to reduce crime and do more with less. I urge you to not slash the budget. I encourage you to do your own research of the all the Department does. And most of all, I beg you to support our Department and our Officers. Thank you for your time and consideration. Respectfully,

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6/11/2020 8:25	Karlie Gorrell	I am a resident of Salt Lake City . I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,
6/11/2020 8:44	Brianna Mendoza	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. For example, the highschool I teach at does not have the adequate funds to provide the proper support for our special Ed students. They deserve better. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Brianna Mendoza



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6/11/2020 8:55	Katherine Kimball	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because, even as a white person, I have never approached the police with the expectation that they will help me. I have been told and heard and seen too many stories of violence and prejudice to bell've in what is said to be a protective services. The police is founded on a history of slavery and prejudice and brutality. SLC must work to counter such a history. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in public education and funding that addresses those small businesses and unemployed that have been so dramatically affected by COVID-19.
6/11/2020 8:56	Kate Black	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we are giving far too much support to the police department and not nearly enough to other community services. Reallocation is needed. Given the problem with police violence and over policing in this country, it is clear that police departments all across the nation need to be reassessed and defunded. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in education, social programs, libraries, anything that will actually have a shot at helping our community to address root causes instead of symptoms.

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6/11/2020 9:01	Kate Reymann	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Communities of color are not helped by police presence. The vast majority of things that police are called on to do would be better served by social workers, teachers, librarians or unarmed community members. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in low income housing, food relief, rent relief, expanded public transit, free public transit, quality pre-K and after school programs, expanded libraries and library hours and programming, jobs training and truly I'vesting in communities of color.
6/11/2020 9:06	Kate LaPray	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, helping homelessness, transportation, or public health.
6/11/2020 9:10	Katherine Berry	I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,
6/11/2020 9:20	Katherine Kain	Hello, I am a constituent of yours. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Thank you so much for your time,

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6/11/2020 9:14	Katherine Cline	<p>Hello, I am a resident of West Haven, UT. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I am demanding that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services, such as education, healthcare, housing, clean air &amp; water, and access to food. I am also demanding that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new hires throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe these funds can be utilized more efficiently within the community and restructuring the law enforcement. I do not believe it is necessary for all police to be armed. My hope is to have law enforcement become a true source of protection all around. I strongly urge SLCPD to follow in the footsteps of many other cities in defunding, reform, and education. Countries including Iceland, Ireland, New Zealand, Norway, the United Kingdom do not arm their police unless the situation is expected to merit it. Research into how these other countries make this work will help lay out plans to follow suit. I would also hope that part of the \$30 million is used to start funding a group of mental health workers that respond to domestic calls. "The lack of mental health funding in the United States puts the burden of response on law enforcement. &lt;<a href="https://www.ravemobilesafety.com/blog/reality-mental-health-emergency-response">https://www.ravemobilesafety.com/blog/reality-mental-health-emergency-response</a>&gt; The number of individuals struggling with mental illness or addiction continues to increase, as cuts to psychiatric treatment centers and other resources also rise. As a result, police are often the only available resource to those experiencing a mental health emergency. At the very least, they serve as the first line of response during serious mental health crises, and need to be given the appropriate information before entering these situations."</p> <p>Thank you for your time</p>
6/11/2020 9:15	Katherine Deneris	<p>Hello, I am a former University of Utah student who was born and raised in Utah. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the new mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead you invest \$30 million into public education, particularly into schools and programs in low-income neighborhoods.</p>
6/11/2020 9:19	Katherine Himstedt	<p>Hello, I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because it is clear to me that our current police system is not working and it is time to make big change and try something else. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in our black community, as well as investing in welfare for the citizens of Salt Lake City.</p>
6/11/2020 10:01	Marti Major	<p>I think the term "Defund" is a misnomer. We need a re-design, a re-boot, a re-visioning of what we want in community policing. I am definitely in favor of a demilitarized approach to civic harmony.. I have lived here for 30 years. God bless us all. Thank you very much, for all you do.</p>

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6/11/2020 9:18	Dani Bainsmith	Hello, I am a resident of SLC and a teacher at Northwest Middle in Rose Park. I wanted to write in SUPPORT of reallocating some of the funds from the SLCPD to community intervention programs such as: - Improved healthcare infrastructure (including non-coercive mental healthcare) - Affordable and accessible childcare, especially for low-income families - Neighborhood based trauma centers - Non-coercive drug and alcohol treatment programming - More mental health professionals and counselors to be involved in community distress situations INSTEAD of police involvement - I've investment in health and wellness through community-based food banks, grocery cooperatives, gardens, and farms - Youth programs that promote learning, safety, and community care - Greater I've investment in schools (including counselors, mental health professionals, and paraprofessionals) I have seen firsthand how implementation of preventative interventions towards whole-person wellness have helped my students and I believe that these models would benefit our SLC community more than a robust policing department. Thank you, Dani Bainsmith
6/11/2020 9:21	Katie Schweiner	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am reaching out to advocate for a budget cut of at least \$30 million dollars for the SLCPD for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and a reallocation of these funds to community services. This money can help support school teachers, rent relief, medical insurance, and food and therapy services. I also demand that the mayor freezes the hiring process for any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. The entire Salt Lake County and state of Utah have been watching closely as police continue to abuse their power and attempt to resolve a range of issues too broad for their expertise. I don't believe the goal should be to abolish the police force entirely; however, I do believe that by reducing their budget and reallocating funds, we will be able to more appropriately address the wide range of issues that is present here in Salt Lake. Thank you,
6/11/2020 9:26	Kathleen Stone	Hi there, I am a lifelong Salt Lake City resident, currently living in Sugarhouse. Mr. Dugan, I have cc'ed you because you represent my neighborhood. Mayor Mendenhall, I supported you as mayor because of your commitment to the environment and those experiencing homelessness. I'm dismayed that your 2020-2021 fiscal budget does not reflect that commitment at all. It seems that your actual financial priorities are enabling the SLCPD to kill people like Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal and meet peaceful protestors with violence. More training, equipment and officers will not help this problem. That's why I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city makes cuts in the SLCPD to reflect what I hope are Salt Lake's true priorities. I demand that you cut the budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services like homeless shelters, social workers, and new teachers. I firmly believe that this \$30 million spent in these areas will be a much better investment, economically and socially. Thank you for your time and commitment to Salt Lake's residents.

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6/11/2020 9:28	Kathryn Anthony	I am a resident of Midvale, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,
6/11/2020 10:06	Jamie Felicetti	Hello, I am a long time resident of SLC. I wanted to write in SUPPORT of reallocating a majority of the funds currently directed to the SLCPD to community intervention and support programs such as: - Improved healthcare infrastructure (including non-coercive mental healthcare) - Affordable and accessible childcare, especially for low-income families - Neighborhood based trauma centers - Non-coercive drug and alcohol treatment programming - More mental health professionals and counselors to be involved in community distress situations INSTEAD of police involvement - I've investment in health and wellness through community-based food banks, grocery cooperatives, gardens, and farms - Youth programs that promote learning, safety, and community care - Greater I've investment in schools (including counselors, mental health professionals, and paraprofessionals) I believe, and data supports, that preventative interventions towards whole-person wellness reduce the need for forcible interventions from police. The SLC community can and will benefit from these programs with a reduction in the size and funding of the SLCPD. Please listen to your constituents, particularly those of color who have been systematically silenced, and act accordingly. Thank you, Jamie Felicetti
6/11/2020 10:23	Katie Crose	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year.

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6/11/2020 10:43	Anonymous Constituent	I do not feel cutting police funding would benifit our state and definitely not in salt lake. I have lived in Utah most of my life and a few years in other states and our state is not like other states and I would like it to stay that way. The riots our elected officials allowed to happen these past weeks were scary and ridiculous that our police force was treated that way. I know many police officers, and the ones I know who serve in salt lake are people of color and they do their jobs well. We havent had the issues other states have so why are you trying to punish our police officers? All policemen aren't bad, just like all POC aren't bad! Stop treating our pokice force like they are the ones with the problems when they aren't. I personally am married to someone with mental health issues and its nice to know that if I need help there are officers that have special training for our situation if the need arises to help me and my children if my spouse flips out. it's one thing to set down rules of what will and will not be tolerated but NOT TO CUT THEIR BUDGETS. Police officers don't make enough for what they do to serve and protect.
6/11/2020 10:37	Bret Mackay	I am a long time tax payer of West Valley City and am very proud to support all law enforcment especially our local department. I just want my voice to be heard that I DO NOT want our law enforcment departments defunded.
6/11/2020 10:45	Katie Faber	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,

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6/11/2020 11:08	Jeremiah Konkle	To those responsible for the safety and freedoms of the citizens of Salt Lake City ? I am a resident of the 4th district, and am writing to hold you, and us, accountable for the justice, and peace, of the people who live here. I DEMAND a radical and l'mediate change in the way this city allocates money in service of public safety. I DEMAND that the police department is significantly defunded NOW and that this money is allocated to programs that will actively SUPPORT the people in this city that have been, and continue to be, oppressed, marginalized, ignored, and abused. The police department is currently the MOST FUNDED DEPARTMENT of the city. The police in this city, and in this country have shown clearly, and with no doubt, that their model of ?protection? is fundamentally flawed. They had their chance. They failed. It is now time to give that money to new and completely different systems of safety and protection. I DEMAND that the budget of the police department is REDUCED by at least FIFTY PERCENT. Anything less is a sham gesture and not a comml'ment to real change. This ends now. We currently live in a RADICALLY UNJUST society. You are either FOR JUSTICE or you are against it. This is the time to make a change. Do it. Jeremiah Konkle
6/11/2020 11:20	Risa Mackay	I can't bell've this is even up for discussion in the State of Utah. I am Appalled that you would think about taking away the Police department. If anything they need a pay increases. Do the people protesting for this even consider all they do? They help battered women, abusive situations, they take drug dealers off the streets, they up hold the law, and much much more. I understand the what happened in Minneapois was wrong, but what about all the good they do. We never hear that from the Media or anyone else. If this was a topic up for discusson, defunding the Police Department wouldnt even be up for discussion! I am a tax payer of this State, and have always been proud and happy to be from the State. This is the time we need to stand up for what is right, and keeping the Police Department is the right thing to do!!
6/11/2020 11:28	Trevor Bingham	The amount of money spent on the police force us outrageous. As a resident of Salt Lake City, I ask you to significantly reduce the money going towards the police force. Focus on helping lower income people instead of punishing them for resorting to crime just to get buy. Lower rent, higher paying jobs, better mental health insititutions, resources for homesless people and to help people find jobs all would benefit the community and remove the need for the police to punish these people just trying to get by. I ask you to please think about it and really think about how that much money going to the police is really helping anyone with anything. Thank you.
6/11/2020 11:30	Laina Orgill	I do bell've defunding the police department is the most absolutly uneducated thing one could do. Yes, black lives do matter! But guess what so do the lives of batter women, people that are sexually assalted and just about everyone else! everyone deserves to feel safe absolutly everyone, every race. I also think 99.9% of police officers are good! I do not bell've defunding them would be in any way a good idea or help solve this situation



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6/11/2020 11:54	Elisabeth Linton	<p>Hello! I wanted to write a brief comment that, as a long-term Salt Lake City resident, I am in SUPPORT of reducing the budget of the SLCPD and reallocating that funding to alternate programs that will more appropriately support the needs of our community. Specifically, our community would absolutely benefit from the following: - Affordable and high quality childcare, particularly in low income areas. - Youth programs to provide a supportive and safe environment. - Dramatically increased funding for school counselors and mental health resources. - Alternative drug and alcohol treatment programs. - Neighborhood based trauma centers - Additional mental health resources to assist in lieu of police involvement I also strongly support increasing the training and education requirements to join the police force, including diversity and subconscious bias targeted training. We need a different approach - as Salt Lake City Council Members, please be open to change and please work to make things better for all constituents. Thank you, Libbie Linton</p>
6/11/2020 11:50	Katie Andresen	<p>Dear Salt Lake City Council members: Many people are demanding reform in our police departments. The thing is, if you want real, tangible change. If you want police conditions to improve across this country, you must understand why the only solution is to fund the police for real police reform. My opinion will not be popular among some, but please read this before forming your own opinion. There is an agenda building steam to defund the police. I'll put this straight, that is not only the most ridiculous "solution" conceivable at this time, but it would result in an exacerbation of the problems that exist within law enforcement across this country. It will result in higher crime rates across the board, and a general disruption to public safety. I'm aware of past research that drew correlations between smaller police departments (per population ratio) and increased use of force by officers. This whole movement is built on the false narrative that somehow the police are an enemy to the people, and by defunding them we would somehow be taking down this imaginary adversary. Here is why the ONLY viable solution to police problems we have in this country is to actually INCREASE funds allocated towards police budgets: 1. Wages. Most police officers across this country barely make a living wage. I remember hearing about police officers here in Utah who actually qualified for food stamps. Ask yourself, would you do a police officer's job for the wages they receive? If the answer is yes, then do it and be part of the solution. For most, the answer is a resounding "no." Police wages need to be attractive enough that the profession will attract the highest caliber candidates. Fortunately many of our amazing police officers come into the profession for reasons other than the pay, I've seen that time and time again. That being said, if the average wage for police officers across the country were progressively increased, we would see a larger pool of people aspiring to and testing for police jobs. A larger hiring pool means more qualified candidates being hired to police our streets. 2. Use-of-Force Training. Our police officers need more and consistent training, particularly in the area of use-of-force. Training requires funds to ensure that police departments are able to get the highest quality training available. In-house Trainers are able to attend the schools they need, so they can bring that back and provide their officers better training. The direct result of more training will be officers using less force across the board. Better trained officers make better decisions under stress, the public will be better protected, and less officers will get hurt or killed. In my experience, the less an officer is trained, the more likely they are to use excessive force when dealing with a resisting or combative subject. 3. Improved Diversity Training. 1 of 2 *Continue Below*</p>

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6/11/2020 11:50	Katie Andresen	<p>2 of 2 *Continued Above* I believe diversity training is important to building more understanding between law enforcement and minority communities. In my opinion many Diversity Training programs have failed. They need overhauls so officers take a keen interest in attending and learning. They also need to be recurring. These programs require funding.</p> <p>4. Manpower and staffing. One of the obstacles to getting police officers the consistent training they need is staffing issues. Command staff are unable to take officers off the street to go through regular training, because it leaves the streets un-policed and detective's caseloads unattended. Sufficient staffing needs to be available so officers can rotate into regular training courses. This will have an immediate effect on overall professionalism and work performance. More staffing will also provide resources for other programs that should be ongoing, like community oriented policing and outreach programs.</p> <p>5. Community outreach programs. More effort needs to be made to connect with minority communities. Most police departments have some kind of existing program, but they can be so much more effective with more resources. Police departments need to work harder to build more trust between law enforcement and minority communities. In many parts of the country, the work is definitely cut out for law enforcement. Once again, these programs require more human and fiscal resources.</p> <p>6. Recruiting efforts. Police departments, in addition to building more trust with minority communities, need to increase efforts and incentives for minorities to join their local police forces. Ideally police department manpower should racially and ethnically represent the communities they are serving. In some cities this is the case, but in many it is not. Much of this has to do with mistrust and negative images some minority communities have towards law enforcement. Recruitment efforts should go hand-in-hand with outreach programs to break this mistrust. Once again, these programs require human and fiscal resources.</p> <p>7. Mental health resources. Many police officers deal with symptoms of PTSD, depression and other job related mental health issues which often leads to alcohol abuse and broken families. For years these issues have been swept under the rug in law enforcement, but there are finally more programs growing to help with diagnosis and treatment. There is no doubt that mental health issues can and do have an effect on a police officer's work performance. These programs require funding. This list could go on, but I think the message is clear. The only way for real reform is to increase resources to fund the police. Please consider the danger that our community would face should SLCPD lose funding. It will cause more harm than good. I do not support our city council defunding or decreasing the budget for Salt Lake City. Sincerely, A concerned, pro-police citizen of the community.</p>

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6/11/2020 12:00	Katie Brussard	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Katie Brussard
6/11/2020 12:04	Kathryn Farrell	I am a resident of Millcreek in Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,

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6/11/2020 12:06	Katharine Hamilton	Hello, My name is Katharine Hamilton and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because as a white person, I have never felt threatened to walk outside in my own community and I wish for that to be the case for any SLC citizen regardless of skin color. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in other aspects of our community that will benefit its citizens rather than harm them. Sincerely, Katharine Hamilton
6/11/2020 12:35	Katie Lienemann	Hello, my name is Katie Lienemann, and I am a resident and student of Salt Lake City. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million and reallocate the money to community services. We do not need to allocate more money to Slcpd to further militarize them, especially given the political climate in the country right now. The reallocation of this money should go to help the homeless population, education system & healthcare! I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Thank you for your time.
6/11/2020 12:36	Kathryn Petrozzo	Hello, My name is Kathryn Petrozzo and I am a resident, graduate student, and barista in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because it has been heartbreaking and terrifying to see the police force militarized and brought in for fear mongering tactics against peaceful protestors. Utah has the highest incidence rate of black persons being murdered by police than any other state in the country (black population proportionate to the overall population). The current events that have unfolded nationally from the murder of George Floyd and locally with the murder of Bernardo Palacio. The Utah community has demonstrated time and again the strength in community and uplifting one another. We can collectively work towards a more just and peaceful society by diverting funds from police. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in education, environmental/clean air initiatives, mental health services, and/or community resources for the homeless population. Thank you kindly for your time and I hope you take these into consideration while deciding on the budget. Sincerely, Kathryn Petrozzo

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6/11/2020 14:31	Katie Barnard	Hello everyone, I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I am writing you today asking you to reallocate our city's resources away from the police, and into community resources like social workers, mental health responders and civil servants. I am represented by Amy Fowler, but I am emailing all of you to encourage broad discussion. This weekend, my boyfriend's car was caught under the roof collapse of a Sugarhouse. When I showed up to pick him up there was a police officer on the scene, writing up a report, and giving out his information to impacted parties. He did all this while wearing a bullet proof vest and carrying a firearm. After marching in the protests in Thursday and seeing the call to action from our black community, I couldn't help but think "why is this person here"? Why is it that a fully armed police officer is helping me figure out how to talk to my insurance company? This is just one VERY small example of how our city's resources are being misused. I am writing to request you act I'mediately to prioritize community wellbeing and redirect funding away from the police. I will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform", when thereform is not solving the root cause of this systemic issue. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, to retrain, and require the police to do even more than should be expected of them. I am not saying we should get rid of police, I am saying we should ask them to respond to situations where they are needed, and create other responders who are trained for a majority of our community's needs and who will not be armed, or use violence against our Black, Indigenous, people of color. It is your duty to represent your constituents, and not just your white ones. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to diversify the community funding model. Thank you for your time, Katie Barnard
6/11/2020 13:56	Tai Smith	SLC council members, I am writing with deep concern for your desire to cut funding for our police force and cutting the police force. Our officers have handled themselves with such grace during such a horrible time. There are bad police out there for sure, but, do we get rid of 30%of our Doctors because some of them are bad? What about 30% of our attorneys? My point is, this is about people needing to bereformed. That is a very scary and emotional decision you are trying to make based on a highly emotional subject. We NEED our police force!! How about we wait and see how things go in Minnesota? I am very scared for them quite frankly! Maybe we should be giving them extra funding to take de-escalation classes or classes to help them with prejudices. Please do not make this dangerous move. Time is a great healer and will help show the way. I don't bell've major decisions should be made in the heat of emotional moments. I sincerely hope you will table this for the time being. Thanks so much! Tai Smith

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6/11/2020 13:59	Finn Christensen	Hello, my name is Finn Christensen and I have been a resident of Salt Lake for the past 4 years. Today I'd like to leave a comment about the proposed budget for the SLCPD for FY 20-21. I was in the Rio Grande neighborhood the night police shot Abdi. I saw the very inappropriate use of force by the police. They shot a black kid and then called in police from all over the valley to quell the inevitable unrest. During the disastrous Operation Rio Grande I asked an officer (big mistake, you don't talk to the pigs) about how many arrests they were making. His response for me was "curiosity killed the cat". Was it a threat? But I realize now it was a terror tactic. I have seen and photographed a cop spying on homeless folks with binoculars only to pull them over for crossing a red light. I have crossed redlights in front of police and have never been stopped. The police serve only white supremacy. And in salt lake that looks like them shooting black and brown people. Regularly incarcerating black and brown people. They are here to protect white property and wealthy white land owners. They are here to oppress black, brown and poor white people as well as those who take to the streets. And that is also a global rule for the police. To protect the rich and white, oppress the worker. It was police that took land from all the indigenous people of the global south. It was forms of police, the mormon militia, that took land from indigenous people here. In canada, the RCMP are the ones who take land and invade indigenous peoples uncaded territory. In Palestine, it is the IDF that steal land and lives from the indigenous people there. It is white supremacy all over the world that we are fighting, or else being a part of it and fully collaborating with it. I urge you to understand this reality in the world. And I demand that you defund the police by at least \$30 million and allocate that money to social services. I demand that Mike Brown resign for his disrespect and blatant lies concerning Bernardo Palacios murder. I demand that the officers responsible for Bernardos murder are fired and charged with his murder. We are not isolated from the rest of the world, POWER TO THE PEOPLE
6/11/2020 14:01	Reina Pahulu	There needs to be significant change starting with defunding the police across this state and allocating all those funds back into community resources and grass roots organizations that help everyday citizens before they even have to think of resorting to unlawful methods to live a decent life. The overpolicing of impoverished BIPOC communities utilizing the funds that could proactively help them is atrocious.
6/11/2020 14:08	Kirsten Allen	Hello, I am a resident of SLC and an attorney. I wanted to write in SUPPORT of reallocating some of the funds from the SLCPD to community intervention programs such as: - Improved healthcare infrastructure (including non-coercive mental healthcare) - Affordable and accessible childcare, especially for low-income families - Neighborhood based trauma centers - Non-coercive drug and alcohol treatment programming - More mental health professionals and counselors to be involved in community distress situations INSTEAD of police involvement - I've investment in health and wellness through community-based food banks, grocery cooperatives, gardens, and farms - Youth programs that promote learning, safety, and community care - Greater I've investment in schools (including counselors, mental health professionals, and paraprofessionals) I have seen firsthand how implementation of preventative interventions towards whole-person wellness have helped my clients and family. I believe that these models would benefit our SLC community more than a robust policing department. (These programs, when implemented effectively, would reduce the Need for forcible interventions from police). Thank you, Kirsten

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6/11/2020 14:09	Sarah Leonhart	Hello, I am a resident of District 4 in Salt Lake City, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utah's during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. The city's should be funding affordable housing, education, and public transportation. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you, Sarah Leonhart
6/11/2020 14:16	Steve Mason	Where was the public process on this? And, and how equitable is this housing going to be. Thanks Steve <a href="https://www.sltrib.com/news/2020/06/09/dense-walkable-amenity/">https://www.sltrib.com/news/2020/06/09/dense-walkable-amenity/</a>
6/11/2020 14:15	Greg Sturgeon	Hello, I am a resident of SLC. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Greg Sturgeon MD, MPH



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6/11/2020 14:11	Richard Stone	Councilwoman Fowler, Based on what we've seen the last two weeks in Salt Lake City, coupled with the outrageous City Council meeting last night, the Police Department needs to be funded 100%, publicly supported, and provided the wages and equipment they need to hire more folks that are willing to do a job no one else will. So sad to see an excellent department maligned like this. Please don't fold to the pressure being put on you by outside forces. Richard and Kendra Stone Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 14:16	Santiago Garcia	To whom it may concern, I am a resident of Millcreek. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering People of color. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Santiago Garcia
6/11/2020 14:22	Sophia Loveland	I am a resident of district 2 . I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Sophia Loveland

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6/11/2020 14:18	Stephanie Noble	Hello, My name is Stephanie Noble and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because as a counselor working in the addiction treatment field, I know there is a need for more social workers, health care, community/after school programs, etc. that are needed. \$30 million could make drastic improvements to our city. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in more community-centered causes. Salt Lake City needs you to do the right thing. The younger generations are watching. Sincerely, Stephanie Noble
6/11/2020 14:19	Spencer Brown	To whom it may concern, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utah's during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Spencer Brown
6/11/2020 14:22	Nora Price	Council member Fowler, My name is Nora Price and I reside in Salt Lake City. Today, the family and friends of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal are burying him. You, Council member Fowler, have expressed that you understand that Bernardo was unjustly killed. He was murdered; you know this; please now act on his behalf. I write in reference to the murder of Bernardo at the hands of the SLCPD. I demand that the officers involved finally and I'mediately be fired and prosecuted for this crime. I also demand the resignation of Police Chief Mike Brown for allowing this unjust use of force and for not firing the officers involved. He is serving and protecting the police, not the people of this city. Black and Brown people in Utah are more disproportionately killed by the police than in any other state. Mike Brown has been chief of police since 2016 and even with currentreforms there has been an increase in fatal officer involved shootings every year. These officers did not use less-lethal force first and shot even after Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal was on the ground. HIs family and friends bury him today. They should not have to do so with his murderers still uncharged. They should never have had to bury him at all. Thank you, Nora Price

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6/11/2020 14:27	Paige Dayley	I am a resident of Provo. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Paige Dayley
6/11/2020 14:23	Aagya Basnet	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.
6/11/2020 14:24	DJ Brundage	Hello, My name is DJ Brundage and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, DJ Brundage Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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6/11/2020 14:32	Nik Huhnke	<p>Hello, My name is Nikolas Huhnke. I am a resident of council district 4. I love this city and I have spent my whole life wanting to be involved in policy that makes my community a better place. That being said, I have never been more disappointed in our elected officials for their lack of leadership. I am writing to you today to demand the total defunding of the SLCPD, the immediate resignation of Mike Brown, and for the immediate prosecution of the officers involved in the murder of Bernardo Palacios. Mike Brown has repeatedly lied to our community and allowed his officers to openly commit crimes and get away with them. Mike Brown and the SLCPD do not make our communities safer, they terrorize citizens. They need to be held accountable. They do not deserve immunity. They are criminals. You are protecting them. Give us justice. I watched in horror as the police of this city chose to violate the Constitution by meeting peaceful protestors with violence. Mendenhall acted as an autocrat when she imposed a curfew to curtail protests. The combination of these tactics were meant to physically and psychologically intimidate citizens from speaking out against police brutality. It was cowardly. Reallocating the police budget towards community services that make our community a better place is not a radical decision to make. The police are not, have never been, and never will be a community asset. Our people, citizens or not, are our biggest community asset. Investing in the people of this community and especially those who need a helping hand to get back on their feet is what will make this community even greater than it is now. Mayor Mendenhall, if you did not want to be a community leader, you should not have run for office. The people of this city deserve better. If you lack the ability to step up, you should consider stepping down. Stop being a coward and speak to your constituents. Publicly apologize to the people of this city for imposing a curfew and admit your mistakes as a leader. Admit the SLCPD and Mike Brown have no desire to protect this community, but to control it. Ana Valdemoros, last week you made the point that you were neutral in the same breath that you said you support the police. Standing with the police in the face of brutality against citizens is not neutrality. Do you represent the interests of your community or the SLCPD? If you can't speak out against the SLCPD for acts that violated the Constitutional rights of your community, you are unfit to represent us. That being said, seeing your cat, Alexander Kittyton, appear on camera last week was a moment of light at a dark time. But that shouldn't be what I remember you for.</p> <p>Sincerely, Nikolas Huhnke</p>

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6/11/2020 14:36	Lana Benner	Hello. For the sake of many people, I sincerely hope you will take the time to read this message, rather than skl'ming past it. I live near Salt Lake City, and I cannot turn a blind eye to the systemic violence that is evident in the system. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. In any situation where the people meant to "serve and protect" are given unchecked authority, they will abuse it according to their own prejudices. A system like the one that exists now is fundamentally broken, and no reform" within the current structure can change that. I ask you to look to the Stanford Prison Experiment for evidence of the inevitable abuse of power in such a system. I have attached a link to an account of the experiment: Stanford Prison Experiment Overview < <a href="http://prisonexp.org/the-story">http://prisonexp.org/the-story</a> > We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. The public demands that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to defund the police. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utah's during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund a system that supports real care and safety for citizens, rather than creating a further power imbalance that will exacerbate the current level of violence. Care, not cops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time. L. Benner

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6/11/2020 14:27	Claire Adler	I'm writing as a victim of violent crime in Salt Lake to argue for defunding the Salt Lake City Police Department and instituting a civilian oversight committee. In the winter of 2016, a friend and I were physically assaulted outside of the city and county building in midday; those inside the county building I immediately called the police. Long before the police arrived, men exercising in a gym across the road rushed over to protect us and successfully pulled off our attacker. This taught me that community is better and more efficient at keeping us safe than even the best trained officers in the most clear cut of circumstances and centrally located parts of the city. After we were taken inside, officers aggressively questioned us on our attack, moments after we were rescued. I knew my friend was having a panic attack, and, after an officer approached them for a statement for the second time, I confronted him to say that my friend was having a panic attack, and he should speak to me until they were able to calm down and control their breathing. I was ignored, and the police continued to exacerbate my friend's trauma through aggressive, and redundant, questioning (note that at this point, the suspect was already in custody, and there were numerous witnesses). The problem was not that police lacked mental health training?the city council member inside was perfectly capable of intuitively responding with kindness to the needs of two young people who had recently been attacked. The problem was the excess power of the police, and the excessive number of officers involved in questioning. We would have been much better served by fewer officers, and even better served by a community responder out of uniform there to provide support and speak to us with kindness and openness. Note that I am a rich, white woman born and raised in Salt Lake City. I am, statistically speaking, the single most likely person to be treated with kindness and respect by officers?I shudder to think how differently that police response would likely have looked had my friend and I been Black or Latino. My point here is that, even in the best case scenario, police don't keep us safe, we do. Indeed, to Police Chief Mike Brown, who says defunding the police would "have a huge impact on the safety of this community," I would say I absolutely agree. Defunding the police would make us far safer?just look to Bernardo Palacios, or to the many, many other inhabitants of SLC who have been the victim of police violence. I believe that my city council has the vision to do better, to invest not in violent police, but in better public schools, in better mental health support, in better affordable housing, in more green spaces. THAT is how you will keep us all safe.

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6/11/2020 14:34	Karen Stevens	Good afternoon, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Karen Stevens
6/11/2020 14:32	Katie Clevenger	Hello, My name is Katherine Clevenger and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important because SLPD continually ignores a multitude of issues in our city regarding domestic violence, rape and sexual assaults, stalkers, and gun violence. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in social workers to help rape victims and domestic violence survivors, education in the area for these issues, black communities in the SLC area. I want to see a change in the lives of young black students to continue to encourage and push them through school. Sincerely, Katherine Clevenger Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 14:28	Paige Furbush	Hello, My name is Paige Furbush and I am a special education teacher who works with young children who are Deafblind in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because you are cutting millions of dollars from SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDS, yet still managing to find the funds to INCREASE the budget for the police who continue to mercilessly murder black men and women. Do you know that the intensive special education fund that you are eliminating is what pays for students with complex medical needs? 1:1 nurses? The 1:1 nurses that make it possible for students with tracheostomies or students who need to be on oxygen to actually be able to come to school. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in BACK into education and into community programs that will actually help. Sincerely, Paige Furbush Sent from my iPhone



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6/11/2020 14:29	Paola Salinas	Hello, My name is Paola Salinas and I am a student at Westminster College in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the resources given to the SLCPD could be used to invest in departments that can benefit our society in a better way than a militarized police department. I hope instead, you invest \$30 billion in education and resources for the refugee communities in SLC. Sincerely, Paola Salinas Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 14:37	Nellie Kelly	Ms Valdemoros, Please represent your district by voting to reduce the police budget for next year. Those funds are better used to help educational and cultural institutions, help for the homeless population and road repair. If the police budget does increase, please push that the funds be used for de-escalation training, implicit bias training and hiring minority officers. As well as a system that ensures the budget is used correctly. Thank you for your work. Sincerely, Nellie Kelly
6/11/2020 14:34	Karissa Conlon	Hello, My name is Karissa Conlon and Student and resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I personally have experienced a police man try to accuse my black neighbor of breaking into my house when I know it wasn't him. The officer didn't care about my safety and told me I probably mistook the situation. Someone was banging on my doors and windows for 30+ Minutes, the police took way too long to show up and the person was gone by then. They didn't care for my safety they wanted to put blame on my innocent neighbor. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in a new system specialized for different situations the police are being used as a cover all bandaid for situations they aren't properly trained for. We need specific resources for specific situations. Sincerely, Karissa Conlon Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 14:32	Kacey Vaughn	Hello, My name is Kacey Vaughn and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Kacey Vaughn Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 14:33	Kaitlyn Honnold	Hello, My name is Kaitlyn Honnold and I am a constituent of yours. I am emailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I have seen over the past few weeks how our police force has failed our community. I do not feel safer with the promise of de-escalation tactics because this does not address the root of the problem--only the symptom. I hope instead you invest that \$30 million into our educational system and clean air initiatives--areas where lack of funding has disproportionately affected Utah's black and minority populations. Thank you, Kaitlyn Honnold

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6/11/2020 14:34	Lauren Butler	Hello, My name is Lauren Butler and I am a Salt Lake City resident. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate these funds to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is vital for the health and safety of all members of our community. I hope you I'vest the \$30 million in sustainability efforts, public transit, and programs supporting our homeless population. Thank you very much for you time. -- Lauren Butler
6/11/2020 14:35	Lauren Cazier	Hello, My name is Lauren E Cazier and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Lauren E Cazier
6/11/2020 14:33	Olivia Shively	Good afternoon, In anticipation of this evening's public hearing on the budget update for the Salt Lake City Police Department, I would like to share my thoughts as a citizen of Salt Lake City on the proposed \$84 million budget. In this time of constant turmoil, the ways that the police force has been prioritized over the lives of millions of American citizens is ludicrous. Not only are black and brown folks dying at the hands of the police with no signs of consequence, millions of Americans are dying of disease which could easily be prevented by better health care, housing, and food programs. These issues disproportionately affect black and brown Americans, and it needs to stop. Salt Lake City, you can be a turning point for this country. Institutional racism and police brutality are not partisan issues and they can only be stopped by real change lead by brave people. I urge you not to simply follow in the footsteps of others, but to blaze a trail for a new political agenda in which the people are paramount. In regards to the budget, a decrease in funding by at least \$30 million and a hiring freeze for the next year for the Salt Lake Police Department would be sufficient. At the very least, have the courage to divest from the police, and I'vest in resources to help low income Americans and people of color prosper and thrive. I'vest in social workers, health care, food programs, education and affordable housing. Be brave enough to listen to the needs of the people you serve, and be caring stewards of your city. Sincerely, Olivia Shively

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6/11/2020 14:40	Nate Wixom	P.S. Some additional information to consider for your decision: We've all heard the reports detailing how dangerous, deadly, and out of control America's police officers are behaving today. But, according to Manhattan Institute Fellow Rafael Mangual, the ACTUAL numbers show an entirely different story. For example, only .003 percent of all interactions between a resident and a cop results in the use of deadly force. And of the over 10 MILLION interactions with police officers every year, only 1000 of them involve deadly shootings. So while there ARE some bad apples in the bunch, the narrative that illegal actions within a police force should characterize the policing institute as a whole is a completely unsubstantiated claim. <a href="https://www.manhattan-institute.org/white-cops-dont-commit-more-shootings">https://www.manhattan-institute.org/white-cops-dont-commit-more-shootings</a> On Tue, Jun 9, 2020 at 12:51 PM Nate Wixom > wrote: Dear City Council members, Thank you for all you do and I would like to thank all the police officers that maintain the freedoms in the US Constitution of protection from enemies disturbing the peace, by putting their lives on the line. I know there are some bad apples but we don't need to throw out the baby with the bath water. Just like there are some bad parents who abuse their kids, however this is not mean we should take away all parents rights to parent their children. The laws and Justice are blind and anyone breaking laws should be held accountable but we shouldn't handcuff our civil servants from using force by having too many constraints on their job. If we are too harsh on all the good cops then they may be forced to retire and we may cultivate a non risk taker police force that may not have incentive to risk their lives to protect American Citizens for fear of being sued or incarcerated. Please fund fully the police department and allow Salt Lake to remain a place of safety for years to come. Thanks, Nate Wixom -- Thanks, Nate
6/11/2020 14:38	Nicole Pignanelli	Hello, My name is Nicole Pignanelli and I am a West Jordan citizen and work in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've true equality will never be achl'ved funding the poilice the way it is now. Please listen to the cries of the people! Sincerely, Nicole Pignanelli
6/11/2020 14:38	Neil Hopkins	Hello, I know this is probably too late but that doesn?t change that it needs to be said. My name is Neil Hopkins and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the statement made by the Mayor after the body can footage was released was highly upsetting. No leader in this state should be more waffling about fairness to the police when they are gunning people down. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in to solutions that help the community rather than the people tearing our community apart. Sincerely, Neil

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6/11/2020 14:38	Katherine Brown	Hi, My name is Katherine Brown. I have lived in Salt Lake since 2011. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesdays vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we need to address rac'l'm in Salt Lake City. We need to re-evaluate the effectiveness of the SLCPD. WE NEED TO STOP UNNECESSARY MURDER OF BLACK PEOPLE, LATINX PEOPLE, INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, AND OTHER BIPOC. Black lives won't matter until we make them matter. I hope that instead, you l'vest the \$30 million into community programs and resources for people experiencing homelessness, for antirac'l'm training, for outreach programs, and other community needs. Thank you for your time, Katherine Brown
6/11/2020 14:39	Katy Perry	Hello, My name is Kathryn Perry and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Kathryn Perry
6/11/2020 14:45	Kevin Emerson	Hi Council Member Fowler, As a constituent I want you to know that I beleive now is the time for SLC to show leadership in adopting deep, ambitious, and fundamental changes to the SLCPD budget during this city budget cycle. Police officers are needed as part of a public safety system, but dispatching armed cops is not the right answer for many community needs. There is never going to be a "convenient" time to make these changes and the issue of systemic rac'l'm can't wait. During this city budget cycle, lease push for an ambitious reduction of traditional police funding to support new, innovative community safety programs. With appreciation, Kevin Emerson "You can blame people for knocking things over in the dark or you can begin to light candles. You are only at fault if you know about a problem and choose to do nothing." - Paul Hawken "Whatever you do or dream you can do, begin it. Boldness has genius and power and magic in it." - Johann von Goethe Sent from a mobile device

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6/11/2020 14:50	Nicole Rasmussen	Hello, My name is Nicole Rasmussen and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there are so many better things this money can go to. Police who kill Innocents don't need our money. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in schools, shelters, and addiction recovery centers. Sincerely, Nicole Rasmussen
6/11/2020 14:39	Nicole Hicks	You have got to be totally crazy to actually be considering defunding the police. Please do us a favor and come up with some better solutions to serve our community. Job placement for homeless. Family counseling. Drug treatment facilities. If you take away our police crime will rise and the UN will have good reason to come in and take over. it's seems like that is what the liberal cloaked communists are going for. DO NOT DEFUND OUR POLICE.
6/11/2020 14:44	Lauriannah Beehler	Hello, My name is Lauriannah Beehler and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in our environment. Sincerely, Lauriannah Beehler
6/11/2020 14:40	Kaya McAlister	I am a resident of Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Kaya McAlister

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6/11/2020 14:42	Olivia Huntzinger	Hello, My name is Olivia Huntzinger and I am a resident of Salt Lake City and a student at the University of Utah. I'm emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 Fiscal Budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because, as a student studying Social Work, I understand the continued defunding of services such as mental health services, education, healthcare, housing, etc. and the continued increase in funding of the police. Our city needs to make a stand to protect its black community from police violence and to fund services that address issues of mental health, poverty, and access at the root. Leaving the current budget as it is will not only be ineffective, but will put black residents of the city in even more danger. I hope that you hear our pleas and make a conscious choice to support community driven change by divesting in the police and reallocating that money to community services. Thank you for your time. Olivia Huntzinger
6/11/2020 14:43	Nate Wyble	Hi, My name is Nathan Wyble and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I'm emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because it is clear our budget is not being used to provide equality for all of its citizens. I hope instead you I'vest the \$30 million in the below solutions/demands: Other Demands * Require police training to address racial biases * Accountability for officers in a transparent way (empower citizen review boards) * Ban chokeholds & strangleholds * Require de-escalation training * Require warning before shooting * Exhaust all alternatives before shooting (i.e. pepper spray, tranquilizers, stun guns) * Ban shooting at moving vehicles * Require use of force continuum * Require comprehensive reporting * Duty to intervene Thank you, Nate Wyble

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6/11/2020 14:46	Nathan Straight	Dear Council Members and Mayor Mendenhall, In the past weeks, many of you have spoken in solidarity with those who are fighting to address the realities we face due to systemic racism: our society is segregated, Black and brown and LGBTQ+ lives are not valued, our criminal justice systems are predatory, and white supremacy continues to kill our most vulnerable citizens with impunity and destroy our communities at the marrow. Some of you have also taken symbolic stands such as kneeling with protestors demanding justice for George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal, and so many others. Today and every day we expect you to SAY THEIR NAMES. Symbolism without action is worse than meaningless; it is a diversion from the failure to take responsibility. Today and every day that you have the privilege of serving our city we call on you to TAKE ACTION, and this includes committing to defunding our police to make our communities safer. I am confident that each of you has taken the time to understand the dynamics of defunding, divesting, and diverting funds to appropriate community services that meet our citizens' needs. There is nothing radical about the idea of defunding; indeed, it is tragic that we should label calls to redirect our money away from an unresponsive, militarized, and untrusted police force as radical. The policing body is terminally ill, and it is pathological to continue treating the symptoms by paying for training and equipment without addressing the underlying disease. You have the power to act on behalf of the health of our community. This is not a metaphor. This is about your constituents' lives. Stop pouring our money into the white hole of law enforcement. Certainly, our law enforcement agencies deserve to have limited mandates and duties appropriate to their training and abilities. Defunding police means recognizing that our communities need support not intimidation, programs not policing, empowerment not punishment. We expect you to take action. We demand that you fulfill your responsibilities to us. We look forward to hearing you say "BLACK LIVES MATTER" and enacting the policies and budgetary reforms required to give your declarations substance. Sincerely, Nathan Straight
6/11/2020 14:46	Laren Cyphers	Hello, My name is Laren and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because police reform does not work! And our black and brown neighbors are DYING. I hope instead, you have \$30 million in PROVEN COMMUNITY LED PUBLIC SAFETY. Also, I demand the prosecution of Bernardo's murderers and the firing of Chief Brown. Sincerely, Laren



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6/11/2020 14:42	Keegan Allen	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Keegan Allen
6/11/2020 14:49	Ira Hinckley	Hello Chris, it's astounding to think that the city council is considering caving in to the street mobs demands to defund the police. The police are overstrained as it is. If you want to add more funding to various social worker groups to rel'ive some of the pressure then I am fine with that, I'm willing to pay more taxes, but who's going to solve our murder cases, who's going to protect our streets, who's going to come to your aid when you're in danger? it's completely ridiculous. Less \$ means less training, less body cams, worse policing and less justice. I understand the street mobs are now calling for the freeing of the looters and arsonists that were arrested from the riots. Inconceivable! I hope that's not next on the City Council agenda. I am also completely outraged by the city council's lack of support and statements of attack on our Peace Officers, which are carrying out the most difficult job in the nation. I'm becoming more & more convinced that it's time for this flaming Liberal to start voting Republican. your constituent, Ira Hinckley

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6/11/2020 14:43	Noah Richard Kuhns	Hello, My name is Noah Kuhns and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by a minimum of 30 million dollars, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to because I strongly bell've that as a community we need to move away from our reliance on the Salt Lake City Police Department and focus efforts on building and supporting a proactive community. The people of the city of Salt Lake deserve better. I do not desire to see us disband the police entirely, as I do not view that as a valid solution. I simply bell've that funding can be put toward better programs that will be more effective to address the concerns of the people and the safety of our community. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, it has been proposed that we increase funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the city defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utah's during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Sincerely, Noah Richard Kuhns
6/11/2020 14:43	lauren maze	I am a resident of Marmalade, Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Lauren Maze

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6/11/2020 14:43	Keenan Cummings	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Keenan Cummings
6/11/2020 14:51	Amy Reeder	Hello Chris and Austin - I'm writing to encourage you to take steps to defund SLC police. I do not favor abolishing our police force, but do favor defunding, which can create outcomes for safer neighborhoods and communities for people of color, and all people in general. I work in healthcare and know that some of the money used to arm and fund police can be better spent on alleviating health disparities in our city. Thank you for the consideration, Amy Reeder Lower Avenues Constituent
6/11/2020 14:55	Koki Johnson	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Koki Johnson

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6/11/2020 14:55	Kristen cambridge	Dear Salt Lake City Council, Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns. My name is Kristen Cambridge and I am writing you to beg you. Please do not to listen to the people calling to defund the police. This is the absolute WORST idea ever. SLC will look like "the gateway area" everywhere. Many businesses will leave and the city will fall into poverty. No one wants to stay in a place without protection. You can just look at the businesses leaving Minnesota because the city leaders refused to protect them. My husband works downtown next to where the riots happened on 4th south. I spent the whole night worrying about if his office was going to get looted or burned down. This could turn into everyday life without the police there. They do so much to protect and serve. My husband says if the police are de-funded he will demand to work from home. Please do not defund the police because it is "trending" right now. I have spoken to many people as I was gathering thank you cards and letters for people that support the police and we want them in our cities. Thank you again for hearing my concerns. Kristen Cambridge
6/11/2020 14:53	Land Olsen	I am a resident of salt lake shitty. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Land olsen

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6/11/2020 14:45	Lara McLellan-Handwerker	<p>Good afternoon Mayor &amp; Council'members, I am a resident of District 5 in Salt Lake City. Here in our city, around the nation, and around the world, we are witnessing widespread upheaval over the systematic violence and rac'l'm of policing. SLCPD is not exempt from this description, with their well documented history of murdering Black and Brown people. It is imperative that the SLC City Council adopt a budget that prioritizes community needs and wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. reform" is simply ineffective. There is no evidence that body cameras or anti-bias trainings reduce police violence. Minneapolis &amp; SLC are prime examples of this - how can a city win awards for their methods of police training and still brutally murder its citizens? Rather, reducing police funding and police presence is critical for keeping our communities safe. SLC must reduce funding to the police, reduce the volume of military weapons distributed to the police, and I'vest in community support organizations like our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers. SLC, as an organization, is lucky to have an incredible I'ventory of public servants who do amazing work in so many different realms, and it is incredibly disappointing that all of their efforts to do their best for this city receive so much less funding than the police, who do the most harm. The most recent example of this in our city is the murder of Bernardo Palacios. We have all seen the body camera footage now and know that the SLCPD escalated the situation and reacted in an incredibly disproportionate manner to the threat, reloading guns and shooting Bernardo 30+ times. The officers involved should be fired, arrested, and prosecuted for his murder. Police Chief Mike Brown should resign or be disciplined for allowing this unjust use of force and for not I'mediately firing and arresting the officers involved. I join the calls of those across the country to defund the police. I call on you to start defunding the SLCPD I'mediately. There can be no justice for Bernardo and his family as long as the police operate in our city. There can be no safety for black and brown people in SLC if the police continue to have power and disproportionate impact on our communities of color. No amount ofreform can fix the inherent issues in this violent and racist system, and SLCPD will continue to harm and repress our most vulnerable communities. I have never felt less safe in our city than during the last week when police in riot gear and military were deployed to our streets and skies. We need to meet the People's demands for change not with increased violence and policing, but with tangible financial I'vestment in the communities that we claim to want to support. We need to provide concrete and significant monetary support for the systems that uplift our citizens, not the ones that incarcerate them. We are seeing changes in cities around the country to fund the systems that need it most. I want nothing more than to see SLC stand on the right side of history and do the same. I am pleading with you to completely revise the SLC budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year, and to fund community care, not cops. Thank you for your time, Lara Handwerker</p>

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6/11/2020 14:49	Nathaniel Breen	Hello, My name is Nathaniel Breen and I am a resident of Provo, Utah. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million with an emphasis on reduced spending on military and riot equipment, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because of my many friends and family who live in Salt Lake, because of all the people who live in Salt Lake who I think of every day that they might be harmed or killed by the very city they live in. I should not have to worry about the safety of my fellow man due to the failure of a justice system built on corruption. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million into schools, libraries, public transportation and healthcare. Education, transportation and life should take priority. Sincerely, Nathaniel Breen
6/11/2020 14:45	Nicole Schaefer	To all seven Salt Lake City Council members, I'm sure this isn't the first email you've received calling for change in the community and it will no doubt be the last. I've also reached out to Mayor Mendenhall with the same message. Salt Lake city supposedly prides itself on the diversity of our city and inclusivity. After all, that was what the Mormons were searching for when they came years ago to settle Utah. Yet I've personally witnessed the opposite. I've worked for a variety of EMS agencies in Salt Lake Valley and unfortunately witnessed how broken the Salt Lake City Police Department and Unified Police Department really are. As an EMT, I shouldn't have to remove officers from the scene because I fear for the safety of myself and my patient. Officers are escalating situations, being verbally and physically aggressive, and dismissive when citizens are truly in need of help. That goes for Utah Highway Patrol, Salt Lake City Police Department, and Unified Police Department. These departments are inherently broken. There is no fixing this through reform. I've talked to your officers first hand and I hear their complaints. Despite having a budget of \$84 million, your officers are still underpaid compared to their counterparts in Utah, understaffed, and using equipment that is on the verge of breaking. I'm not calling for reform because we're past reform. Nationally, police reform has proven to be a waste of money, time, and resources. Defund the police. As a resident of both Colorado and Utah, I've also reached out to my city council members in Boulder, CO, and their responses to this information has been the complete opposite from yours. Learn from them and learn to take advice from your community members. All seven of the Boulder City Council not only read my email but have replied to it, including the police chief. Do not hide from your citizens. Create the dialogue, hear what we are saying, and initiate action. Defund the police. Protect and serve your community. Listen to your citizens. With love, Nicole Schaefer
6/11/2020 14:49	Olivia Coleman	Hello, My name is Olivia Coleman and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Olivia Coleman Sent from my iPhone

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6/11/2020 14:46	Lauren Miller	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Lauren Miller
6/11/2020 14:47	Laura Wolinsky	I am a resident of House District 24. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although the City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Laura Wolinsky



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6/11/2020 14:52	Kirsten Eliassen	Hello, My name is Kirsten Eliassen and I am a community member of Salt Lake City. I'm emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote (tomorrow!), the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I care about our communities safety and the safety of our residents. I want Salt Lake City to be a place where residents and visitors feel safe and are not afraid of officers that are hired to protect us.I hope instead you I'veest the \$30 million in community educational programs and support programs for underprivileged individuals. Thank you, Kirsten Eliassen

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6/11/2020 14:59	Marl'm Card	<p>Dear Council Member Wharton, I have spent the last several days in tears watching videos and reading articles and learning about how corrupt and dysfunctional our country's justice system is and how devastating the results of that corruption and dysfunction are for people with a darker shade of skin than my own. My tears are nothing compared to the tears shed by thousands for too many years. I'm aware that there are many issues facing our political leaders and all of society. The causes I've devoted time and money to in just the last couple of years include civil rights, refugees, immigrants, climate change, homelessness, LGBTQ, survivors of natural disasters, air pollution, endangered species, and so much more. I understand it's easy to become overwhelmed by all the struggles that we've created for ourselves. But I also believe that we cannot solve all those struggles if we are not working together and we cannot work together if there is not equality, security, and dignity for everyone in our country. I cannot understand how our predecessors believed it was a good idea to set up civil servants armed with weapons of war to protect the civilians of our nation and failed to ensure those same civilians had oversight over those armed civil servants. That lack of oversight ensures those men and women serving their communities are used as a means of control by any corrupt power desiring to take the reins. It ensures that nothing will be done to stop any of those men and women in blue who are confused about their authority, responsibility, and the value of human life. I cannot live in a country where people cannot walk the streets or sleep in their own beds without the fear of being murdered by other people who will not be held to account. I cannot live in a country where those same people who fear for their lives every day can barely provide for themselves, cannot get ahead, and cannot experience the promised American dream no matter how hard they work to pull themselves up by their bootstraps. I cannot live in a country where our president needlessly uses chemical warfare on his own citizens, or where armed men are sent to beat peaceful protestors, where civil servants are allowed to use violence against a helpless old man in the streets, or where a young woman who is peacefully protesting her right to life is run down from behind by an officer on a horse. I cannot celebrate this country that I love or my own freedoms while so many others are not free. The burden of their oppression sits too heavily on my shoulders. And yet I'm not the one in power. I have little money. I have no authority. I don't make the laws or enforce them. All I can do is ask you and others who are in power to enact the dramatic changes necessary to finally liberate a people who have been patient too long. To finally lift the burden of subjugation from all people of color in order to allow our country to surge forward, accomplishing the great things we must accomplish together to secure our future. I entreat you to liberate and rehabilitate our country through at least the following changes: * Implement citizen-run oversight organizations that have open and easy access to police performance reports and other valid information necessary to provide checks and balances to the power of our civil servants. Ensure transparency and provide adequate opportunity for officers to engage with the public to build societal bridges and good relations. 1 of 2 *Continued Below*</p>

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6/11/2020 14:59	Marl'm Card	2 of 2 *Continued Above* Ban chokeholds, strangleholds, and shooting at moving vehicles, and implement dire consequences for those officers who take part in these banned actions. * Require de-escalation and make proper and effective de-escalation training mandatory for all police and military personnel and implement dire consequences for those who fail to follow this protocol. * Require police to exhaust all other options before a shot is fired and to provide adequate warning that shots will be fired. Create laws that ensure only the minimum number of shots are fired in circumstances where the use of firearms becomes necessary. Implement dire consequences for those who fail to follow these protocols. * Restrict the higher levels of force to only the most extreme situations and require that all force be reported, including the threatening of any civilian with a firearm. Implement dire consequences for those who fail to follow this protocol. * Ban the use of tear gas during protests. Ban any act of violence against a protestor except where it is actually necessary for self-defense or the protection of others; and even then only to the degree necessary to prevent harm and nothing beyond. Implement dire consequences for those who fail to follow this protocol. * Make it mandatory for officers to intervene in the event another officer is working outside the above parameters and implement dire consequences for those who fail to intervene. * Reduce the role of the police in society so they are not expected to be responsible for societal issues they are not equipped to properly handle, such as the care and re-homing of homeless people. * Do away with the death penalty and any laws that contribute to the overflowing prison populations, including unfair and excessive punishments. * Make it illegal to use private prisons or to abuse or exploit prisoners. The above list is only the beginning of what will likely be necessary to secure the futures of people of color and of our nation as a whole. I sincerely appreciate the work you do to successfully represent and support our community and country. Your role and responsibility is not an easy one, and I don't imagine implementing any of the above will be a simple task, but it is crucial work and your constituents will benefit greatly from it. Thank you for your time and consideration. Mirl'm Card
6/11/2020 15:03	MacLaren Dudley	I am a resident of salt lake city. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which; more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the Black, Hispanic, and Indigenous members of our community. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, MacLaren Dudley.

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6/11/2020 15:25	Natasha Wong	<p>Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake and I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well-documented history of murdering Black, Latinx, and poor people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? THIS INCLUDES SUGGESTIONS TO INCREASE BODYCAMs, TRAINING, AND COMMUNITY POLICING. We are demanding that our voices be heard and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, Mayor Mendenhall has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD. The SLCPD has also seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. I, and other constituents of Salt Lake, demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utah's during this trying and uncertain time when livelihoods are on the line. COVID-19 has disproportionately affected Utah's Latinx, Indigenous, and poor communities--we don't need police to brutalize them too. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, instead of empowering the police forces that tear them apart. Further, given the recent murder of Bernardo Palacios by the SLCPD, I call for the officers involved to be fired, to lose their pensions, and to be barred from rehiring by the SLCPD as well as neighboring police departments. There is no excuse for police to EVER unload 20-30 bullets in someone's back. I'd also like to remind the council that THIS is the very same policing that won SLCPD awards for de-escalation and training in 2019. When I hear the mayor, the city council, the local police call for more training, more bodycams, and better reforms, I don't see a safer world. I see SLCPD's shooting Bernardo Palacios, a 22-year-old, an artist who taught his nieces and nephews to draw, whose body was left missing fingers by the police who shot him while he lay dead on the ground. I see police shouting for Bernardo to put his hands up while he lies facedown on the pavement, bleeding out. I don't want reform. I don't want you to add meaningless formalities that hold officers "accountable" while they get off for shooting brown folks after invoking qualified immunity. What are more bodycams going to do for Bernardo's family and friends? When I hear you all claim a commitment to social justice and call for more body cams in the same sentence, I don't hear justice, I hear that in a year, or two years, or three years, there will be more SLCPD officers unloading bullets into a young Latinx man's back, but maybe this time we'll get better footage. Is that justice to you? Take a good, hard look at your award-winning police department. <b>1 of 3 *Continued Below*</b></p>

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6/11/2020 15:25	Natasha Wong	<p><b>2 of 3 *Continued Above*</b> If there were good cops, and if the SLCPD was committed to justice or "protecting and serving" or whatever cute slogan they like to use to assert that police oppress the marginalized for the greater good, would Chief Brown look at the video of Bernardo's shooting and say he stands by his men? Would the SLCPD stand in riot gear across from a mourning family as they grieve over an altar for their dead son? Is complicity not violence too? I urge you, look closely, because SLCPD, as it exists, is already the product of reform, in fact it is an award-winning model of police reform. Save us your PR stunts and police kneeling and stated "comment to addressing and dismantling systemic oppression". I cannot fathom how any of you are capable of watching the video of Bernardo's death and continuing to tell us--when you know full well that it's untrue--that police make our communities safe. Continuing to support SLCPD after seeing them shoot a young adult, who was scared and running for his life, reveals to me not only your callous numbness and dismissiveness toward the death and suffering of SLC's poor and POC community, but also the privileged (and white, yes even you nonblack POCs) position from which you all can understand police as your caretakers (and assume they 'caretake' in the same manner for other communities) when black and brown folks are routinely abused and brutalized at the hands of police, on the streets and behind prison walls, in Utah and nationwide. Anything less than defunding the SLCPD--and defunding is the bare minimum that SLC can do to address police violence--is a slap in the face not only to Bernardo's family and community but to the others who have died and suffered at the hands of the SLCPD, to the homeless who face harassment and imprisonment on a daily basis, and to the poor who are criminalized for trying to survive. Is it really so hard to imagine that other services could account for and replace the vast majority of the work that police are tasked with (and perform such work better than the police)? Are you really deluded enough to genuinely believe that cops (who, I remind you, shot a young man dead at point-blank, when, as stated in the video they could have de-escalated by using tasers) are the best-equipped people to address problems that arise from a homelessness crisis, mental health issues, and food insecurity? And if, as you may claim, the problems of the SLCPD stem from "a few bad apples" (who, if I remember the saying correctly, spoil the bunch), what are you going to do to actively weed out the "bad officers"; are you going to let the SLCPD continue to police itself? Are you going to continue letting police unions trample over the rights of your most disadvantaged communities because it's best for police employment for cops to be free and able to kill with impunity? <b>2 of 3 *Continued Below*</b></p>

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6/11/2020 15:25	Natasha Wong	<b>3 of 3 *Continued Above*</b> You all heard Mike Brown stand with Bernardo's murderers. That's your police leadership. Are you going to reform" that? Pay attention. Although City Council has not yet voted upon or revised Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for FY20-21 and to fund care, not cops. If your hands are tied by police contracting and unionizing, I urge you to break the power of police unions and to dl'mantle the tools that are forcing the city to waste (and yes I do mean waste) resources on policing that would much better be directed to education, housing, public, health, and public transit. I would like to conclude this email by reminding the council that you work for the constituents of Salt Lake City, and are subject to recall. Save us the lip service about racial injustice. Stop acting like you have no sway. You control the budget; it is your choice whether you will fund programs that help communities of color and poor folks thrive, or whether you will continue to actively endanger them by expanding policing. You have the power, means, and funds to show us your priorities in the budget. We will be watching, and we won't forget. You are not free from complicity. Funding the murder of POC at the hands of the state leaves blood on your hands, too. Address the needs of your community. Thank you for your time, Natasha Wong
6/11/2020 15:07	Annika Pollatsek	I am a resident of district 6. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well-documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Annika Pollatsek

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6/11/2020 15:08	Nadia Lian	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Nadia Lian
6/11/2020 15:09	Anonymous Constituent	In light of recent incidents with law enforcement, I request that the budget be increased to offer officers better pay and also to allow the department to hire additional officers to deal with any future riots and looting that occurred during this past Black Lives Matter protest. The officers were drastically outnumbered and the innocent officers, business owners, and civilians suffered in how that matter was handled by government officials. I hope to NEVER see that happen again and allocating additional funding for your police force is a step toward combating the tragedy of the riots in SLC.
6/11/2020 15:10	Macee Rea	Hello, My name is Macee Rea and I am a resident and work in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because as an employee at a non profit, I see first hand how underfunded key community services are. And, as a resident here, I see first hand the lack of positive influence is provided by the police. We THE COMMUNITY need more money to increase standard of living for all. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in getting youth of color into STEM or staying in school, as well as improving the sustainable practices throughout our city. Sincerely, Macee Rea



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6/11/2020 15:34	Whitney Nelson	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Though Black people make up only 1.06% of the population, 10% of police murders have been Black people. STOP LOOKING AWAY FROM THIS PROBLEM. STOP RENAMING IT. STOP DRESSING IT UP. FIX IT. Thank you for your time,
6/11/2020 15:16	Nicki Nielsen	Hello, My name is Nicki Nielsen and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because this is a huge amount of money that could be better used elsewhere. The SLCPD does not need more funds. Giving the SLCPD this large of a budget increase will only guarantee more police brutality, not decrease crime. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in education, free meals and therapy for the community, resources for our homeless population, debt relief and medical insurance for residents. Sincerely, Nicki Nielsen
6/11/2020 15:23	Shannah Tan	I'd like to discuss public funding for Salt Lake City based on the projected budget for FY 20-21. I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving \$23,248,016 and transit is receiving \$4,700,00. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. This is absolutely unacceptable. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here who have been violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. Our impoverished communities of color are over-policed and under-funded when it comes to affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, these communities cannot succeed, and systemic racism is perpetuated. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. I've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend.

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6/11/2020 15:13	Naamah Barkley	I am a resident of Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Naamah Barkley
6/11/2020 15:41	Adeja-Grace Shumway	I am a resident of Downtown SLC. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's budget that prioritizes our community?s wellbeing & redirects funds away from the police. Due to Covid-19 a lot of people are with work & thus leads to lack of income. The city's resources should go towards rent relief & individuals who need funds for bills & etc. The SLC PD do not need more funding to kill me. Divest & disband. Thank you for your time.
6/11/2020 15:18	Noah Kuddus	Hello, My name is Noah Kuddus and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, and other areas that are getting taken for granted during Covid-19. Sincerely, Noah Kuddus

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6/11/2020 15:21	Nina Vought	<p>Hello. I am a resident of Salt Lake City (District 1). I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a budget that prioritizes people and our community's wholeness. We need to direct funding away from the police. Our entire country is watching in horror as police brutality is on full display during uprisings that have spread to every town, city and state across our nation to protest the systemic violence of our police forces. Unfortunately, the SLC Police Department has a well-documented pattern of violence against Black and brown people. There is a well-documented pattern of police across the nation and in our city that does not hold police accountable for their unlawful brutality. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform? or new "rules." This has not worked in the past. We demand that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. The City Council needs to defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utah's during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports the vulnerable in our community, rather than empowers the police to tear them apart. The City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's harsh and severe budget proposal, but now the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Adopt a budget that serves, cares for, and protects the PEOPLE, especially the vulnerable, the poor, of our beautiful Salt Lake City. Public opinion is on the side of the people not the police. This will not be changing soon; we have seen images of violence at the hands of police we will not soon leave our minds. Please represent us. Do not be bullied or pressured by the police to increase their funding. Fund housing, fund healthcare, fund mental health, fund education, fund transportation. Let's work together for a more equitable city and world. Thank you for your time, Nina Nina Vought, MFA</p>

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6/11/2020 15:19	Natasha Wong	<p>I am reaching out today to express my concern and to comment upon the council's proposed budget for 2020-2021. The mayor has allocated over 84 million dollars to SLCPD, while housing is receiving 23,248,016, and transit is receiving 4,700,00. Evidence has shown, time and time again, that even the most well-intentioned efforts to reform policing (through training, body cams, community boards) do not address the root problem behind policing. That is, the issue of systemic racism in policing is not one only of over-policing, but rather one of policing itself. The US (democrats and republicans alike) places far too much pressure and responsibility on police and the carceral system to solve the problems and tensions in our communities; reforming policing will not fix the fact that in many cases, the situations police are asked to address are issues that could be better prevented and/or resolved by other actors (social workers, mental health support, better access to material stability through rent support and affordable housing, etc). By increasing the policing budget to nearly 85 million dollars (a 16% increase since 2018) and planning to hire 23 more officers, while failing to provide a comparable increase in much-needed funding to housing, after school programs, libraries, transit, etc., the Salt Lake City Council has clearly stated its priorities. These priorities do not align with the interests of poor, working, black and POC communities and are actively harmful. From our schools to our streets, it is clear that expanding policing actively disregards the needs of SLC's most vulnerable and expands the forces of state suppression and violence that over-police, surveil, and brutalize our black, indigenous, and POC communities. I STRONGLY urge the Salt Lake City Council to defund the SLCPD and to redirect the money that would be used to increase police presence (something shown to have no significant positive impact on decreasing crime, and that instead works to further criminalize communities with already tense relationships to law enforcement) toward other social services, especially social welfare programs that more actively and directly support our vulnerable communities. If the SLCPD and Mayor Mendenhall are truly as committed to stamping out systemic racism as they claimed in their recent statement, they must understand that such racialized police violence will not and cannot be eradicated without corresponding action to decrease police presence in our communities and provide the type of community infrastructure, relief, and support necessary to allow poor and BIPOC communities to live in safe and dignified conditions. Salt Lake and the state of Utah have done significant work in recent years to push for more restorative and transformative juvenile justice--it would be monumental (and incredibly valuable to SLC's more marginalized residents) for Salt Lake to encourage the same alternatives to policing in its adult carceral/justice system. If we want a city that is safe, interconnected, and trusting, we must do away with policing. <b>1 of 2 *Continued Below*</b></p>

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6/11/2020 15:19	Natasha Wong	<b>2 of 2 *Continued Above*</b> The first step is to demilitarize and defund the police: the City Council has the power to do this, by cutting back funding to policing/freezing hirings as a means of decreasing overall policing and by (again, through decreasing funding) scaling back the police's capacity for (lethal) force. More directly, I ask that SLC City Council act to: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. Vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police Department's budget. 3. Propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. Protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. Do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. As alternatives, the City Council could use the money no longer allocated to SLCPD to: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2. Invest in more events, free resources, and skill-sharing at city libraries 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes 4. Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources 5. Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods 6. Funding for after-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public schools 7. Increase the funding of public defenders, who are only allocated \$1,292,774, with no increase from last year I send this message with hope for Salt Lake. We have already begun to reconsider the role of policing in the lives of our juveniles--we can do the same for policing as a whole. The US is at a critical point in confronting the realities of systemic racism and policing, and SLC can and should be a visionary in efforts to re-imagine communities that don't live in fear of law enforcement. Defund SLCPD. Reinvest in and empower our communities
6/11/2020 15:36	Bee Barbera	Your police force has a long history of mistreatment and brutality toward citizens, especially those part of the Black and brown communities here. Despite the attempts of private citizens, Black Lives Matter - Utah Chapter, Utah's Against Police Brutality (UAPB), and others to discuss these issues and reform police, these unforgivable things keep happening and it is part of a larger problem nationwide where the police institution is built upon white supremacy. I implore you (with other citizens) to decrease the Salt Lake City Police Department's budget and work with the organizations mentioned above to reform police, learn and do sensitivity training, and heal these wounds they've caused to the local community.
6/11/2020 15:21	Ocia Gillette	Hello, My name is Ocia Gillette I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because [INSERT WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU OR DELETE SENTENCE]. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in our vulnerable communities, specifically aid for our homeless, and education. Sincerely, Ocia Gillette

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6/11/2020 15:21	Madeline Halperin	I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place.
6/11/2020 15:43	Madaline Maravillas	Hello, My name is Madaline M. & I am a constituent of yours in Salt Lake City. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million & reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that Mayor Mendenhall maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because people deserve to have a chance. How can you set an example & offer the people hope if this vicious cycle continues? Systemically we must be committed to change if we want to offer a brighter future to our children & their children. I hope instead you invest \$30 million in improving prison systems where people deserve counselors, therapists, & guides to help them leave prison ready to re-enter society in a meaningful way. Consider putting this money towards Utah's housing crisis, helping people to get off the street lead fulfilling lives. One personal interest would be to invest this money in community centers in impoverished areas that offer physical activities like playgrounds, sports teams, sponsored sports lessons, etc, to enable those with less money to not only bring joy to people who likely live in stressful situations, but to offer an alternative education. Finally please consider putting the money towards community art centers to offer an education in arts to the youth of impoverished communities. Art can change the world one child at a time if only they have the opportunity to be immersed in it. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Madaline M. Salt Lake City

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6/11/2020 15:22	Oswaldo Ponce de Leon Landa	Hello, My name is Oswaldo Ponce de Leon Landa and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million on improving public education and to help reduce homelessness in the city. Sincerely, Oswaldo Ponce de Leon Landa Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 15:23	Natahly Thomas	I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart and redirect those funds to the community. I hope instead you I'vest \$30 million in healthcare, affordable housing, education, and environmental causes. Thank you for your time, Natahly Thomas
6/11/2020 15:26	Jack Goodman	I'm writing to ask you to decrease the policing budget. As someone that works with police as a sexual assault advocate I instead ask you to redirect funding towards social services. Social services do more to keep our communities safe and strong, and by directing more money towards things like social workers & mental healthcare professionals we can more thoughtfully and nonviolently respond to things such as mental health crises and homelessness. By directing funding towards these support systems you will better support people like me and those I work with. Crime comes when there is need in a community. It is a response to poverty, inequality, and desperation. During one of the most desperate times our city has faced it is imperative to rel'vest in the people, not a carceral system that will harm them. I would like to echo the demands of many citizens. That you: - Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. - Vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police Department's budget. - Propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. - Protect and expand current I'vestment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of I'vesting in police. - Do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to I'mediately cease enacting violence on community members. Please instead rel'vest and: - Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line I'vest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries - Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes - I'vest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources - I'vest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods - Funding for after-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public schools - Increase the funding of public defenders, who are only allocated \$1,292,774, with no increase from last year.
6/11/2020 15:27	Eric Henderson	Please don't contribute \$84 million to the police.



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6/11/2020 15:31	Caitlin Draper	I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place.
6/11/2020 15:29	Neal Caldwell	Hello, I am writing to make the following demands regarding the FY 20-21 budget: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. Vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police Department's budget. 3. Implement a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget and redirect those funds to the community. 4. Protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. 5. Fire and charge all officers involved in the murder of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. Thank you for your time.
6/11/2020 15:39	Tierney Araujo	Hello, My name is Tierney Araujo and I am a Resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I see the need for those funds to support support other areas such as education and government food/housing programs

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6/11/2020 15:30	Quinn Graves	<p>I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ+ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic rac'l'm between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dl'missive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place.</p>

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6/11/2020 15:30	Jessica Waters	<p>Mayor Mendenhall, Council'member Rogers, Council'member Johnston, Council'member Wharton, Council'member Valdemoros, Council'member Mano, Council'member Dugan, and Council'member Fowler, Let me introduce myself, I am the Social Work Director for Salt Lake City police department/Community connection center. I have been working here for 4 years now and am incredibly grateful for the work I get to do day in and day out. I started here when you, as a council created our unique positions. I started as a mental health therapist before moving into my current position. I love this job and think Salt Lake city is ahead of the curve because of our program. The opinions that I am going to state are of my own and not those of the social workers or the police department. I am a Licensed Clinical Social worker and obtained my Masters in Social Work with a concentration in forensics, which focuses on the criminal justice system merged with Social work. My role as a police social worker has allowed me to have a part in advocating for many social issue matters such as mental health, substance use, homelessness, officer trainings and many more. I bell've that Black Lives Matter and that there is inequality in America and racl'm, there is no denying that. I also agree that officers who do wrong should pay the consequences of their wrong doing. With that being said, I don't bell've Salt Lake City Police should pay the cost of such actions of someone else. I would like to address the discussion of defunding the police department and how I feel strongly against it. As a social worker we are social justice warriors and right now I have to advocate on a side people don't expect us to advocate for, the police. My teams? day to day job consists of responding to 911 calls that are social issue related with a CIT (crisis intervention) officer who is assigned to our unit. These calls entail, mental health, substance use, homelessness and really anything you can imagine. We wear ballistic vests anytime we go out as the calls We're respond to are some of the most unpredictable calls. I think it is a huge benefit to have social workers in the department and I think it is essential to have officers with us. I can't even begin to explain the scenarios we have been in that if it hadn?t been for the officers one of us social workers or one of our clients would have died. This sounds extreme but let me explain some examples. One of our officers took a bullet, an actual bullet to his shoulder, a few inches away from his chest in order to protect a social worker. This was a mental health call to check on someone in their apartment, which happens often to get called to check on people. Upon approaching the apartment we started to get shot at. We have had multiple times where a social worker and officer are trying to talk someone down from a ledge from jumping and they wouldn?t come down and were about to act when an officer risked their life to get them from the ledge without using force. I appreciate the support from Mayor Mendenhall and the council to look at ways we can grow the social work program as it is needed around the clock and currently we don't have staffing for it. 1 of 3 *Continued Below*</p>

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6/11/2020 15:30	Jessica Waters	<p><b>2 of 3 *Continued Above*</b> With expanding the social workers we would need to expand the officers in our unit. By defunding the police department that means we would lose preventative programs, proactive policing, community based policing because we would have to concentrate all of our efforts to patrol and not be able to staff specialty units like ours. If we were to get defunded then a lot of civilians would most likely be most impacted and they are the brains behind the operations. Not only are there monetary costs but most importantly there are mental and emotional costs to the department. As a mental health professional many officers come to me to process things and they seek out our peer support team which is overloaded right now. I would like to address the toll that is being taken on officers by not having their representatives be supportive of what they do day in and day out. By threatening to defund their profession it feels like they are being invalidated for the trauma they have experienced by being an officer protecting Salt Lake. The amount of PTSD they experience is unexplainable . As a civilian I can't even come close to relating with what they have seen and they chose to still serve without hesitation. Right now many officers are in crisis because they are being told that they are bad people based off very poor decisions from other officers around the US. Police officers have the highest rate of suicides because they see things daily that no one should ever see. They deal with constant guilt for the scenarios they wish they could have prevented or helped, like the suicide calls, overdoses, murders and so on. They are so often the helpers they forget to ask for their own help. Officers are like no other profession I know, what they do truly becomes part of their identity because they are proud of what they do for the community. Let's not forget the officer who paid for someone's rent because they couldn't make their payment, the officer who saved someone from ending their life, the officer who made the kid want to become an officer, the school officer who was always there for the students, the officer who adopted the children he interacted with on a call where the children had to be taken away, the officer who got someone into substance use treatment, the officer who checks in with a severely mentally ill person weekly to see how they are doing, the officer who helps someone move into their new apartment after being homeless for 10+ years, the officer who saved an elderly person from being exploited and so many more scenarios. <b>2 of 3 *Continued Below*</b></p>

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6/11/2020 15:30	Jessica Waters	<b>3 of 3 *Continued Above*</b> These are the officers of Salt Lake City Police Department. I would encourage you to come join our unit on a ride along on mental health calls, I bell've many would be shocked to see just how skilled the officers are in handling social issue calls and using de escalation techniques as I have learned how to talk to people better because of what they have shown me. it's unfortunate that they have become specialized in such areas but that is a systematic issue as to why they are the ones having to go out on some of these calls. To wrap it up for me, our social work unit wouldn?t be able to do the job without the officers in our unit and we would need many more specialized officers in order to be available 24/7. Officers have protected me and my social workers in so many crisis calls, they have protected city council, protest groups, the mayor and they have protected many vulnerable individuals no matter what their race was. Now it's time for us as a city to protect them as a profession so we can keep the excellent officers we have and not lose them because of lack of trust and low morale they are feeling. We would be at a true loss if we lose our outstanding officers because of lack of support. By keeping our dedicated officers we can all work together on systematic change that needs to happen on behalf of raci'm and not divide the country and our city even more by exclusively only listening to one side. Thank you for taking the time. Thank you for being in a leadership role to help steer our city int the right direction. I am always available for any further questions or comments as my phone number and email are listed. Kind regards,
6/11/2020 15:45	Maddy R	Hello, My name is Maddy Raymond, a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in policing, consider using that money on things that have been ?defunded? for years like the public education system! Sincerely, Maddy Raymond
6/11/2020 15:32	ruth Tautuaa	Hello, I am writing because of a concern I have about defunding the police department. I agree that there are needed changes, but taking away support, training, and safety of the officers is not the way to do it. Those things need to be increased, not decreased. Additionally, it would be very demoralizing, for officers who put their lives on the line every day. In my view it would send the message that their efforts to keep us safe are scorned and despised, instead of appreciated. I encourage each city council member to spend a day riding along with the police, to get some of the same experiences and even training they do. Then go spend some days with people in minority groups and listen to their experiences. The council members are in a unique position to be bridges to help us all be heard, be good examples of cooperation and communication, and help us move forward in a positive manner within the city and the state. What the Salt Lake City council does affects all of the surrounding cities and even the state. I encourage you to do all you can'to help increase communication, understanding, and respect within the various groups of the community and government. Thank you for your consideration and your hard work.

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6/11/2020 15:32	Nora Price	Members of the City Council, My name is Nora Price and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, District 5. I am writing in reference to the 2020-2021 Recommended Budget. I demand that before tomorrow's vote, the city cut the Salt Lake Police Department's budget by at least \$30 million and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on SLCPD throughout the full fiscal year. This is important to me because our city's Black and Brown citizens deserve nothing less than the full benefit and enrichment that is the mandate of the institutions of civil society, and must not be subject to the unremitting terror and targeting they experience at the hands of the police and criminal justice system. And I don't want our unsheltered neighbors experiencing another winter of harassment and criminalization at the hands of the police. And I don't want my friends protesting the destruction of whole ecosystems and native lands by railroading private interests to be brutalized. I hope instead you I've \$30 million in Free and accessible UTA public transit, quality low-income housing and rent relief during COVID-19, community programs like YouthCity and Sorenson Multi-Cultural center. Thank you for your time. Nora Price
6/11/2020 15:34	Lou Ruegner	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. Where in the budget is there \$84 million dollars to expand the Salt Lake police when we are in an economic depression putting people out on the street? Making these additions to this department will only serve to further anger your taxpayers. If anything, the Salt Lake police should face a budget DECREASE in light of recent events, as well as a full reevaluation of the department values around systemic racism and classism. Bernardo Palacios Carbajal deserved better. Do better.
6/11/2020 15:33	Ben Kilbourne	I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place.

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6/11/2020 15:35	Orphanics Orphanics	Defund that police shit haha
6/11/2020 15:35	Lynn Phillips	I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racl'm between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dl'missive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place.
6/11/2020 15:48	Madeline Dunford	Hello, My name is Madeline Dunford and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in healthcare, homeless projects, education, clean air or environmental protection. Sincerely, Madeline Dunford Sent from my iPhone



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6/11/2020 15:37	Ana Arreola	I would like to bell've that I understand the reason why 23 new officers should be hired. However, I can't simply bell've that we aren?t focusing on what is truly important. In order for crimes to decrease, we need to provide resources that WILL help. Police men/women understand that there is poverty, and when there is poverty... people are findings ways to provide for their families in whatever way they can. In the most respectful way, I ask you to decrease the police budget. That budget needs to help communities grow and once that happens, we can reevaluate the hiring of 23 new officers. The community needs housing, health care, good jobs, healthy food, mental healthcare, free public transportation, educational enrichment and small businesses. We don't need more police. We need more resources to help those who truly need it. Please, remember to consider what is truly important. Think about your own life and realize what would you do if you were in someone else?s shoes. We need to work together and help communities grow. I bell've we can do this, and I bell've you will be part of this change.

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6/11/2020 15:38	Willi'm Hewitt	Hello, My name is Willi'm Hewitt and I am a worker Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I do not feel we need to have a military force as a police department and there needs to be more focus on police deescalation training. Also, we need to hold police officers to higher standards than citizens when they commit an offense that would land someone in jail. They are law ENFORCEMENT, it is literally their job to know the law and make sure others abide by it. Police need to be licensed like our health care workers, teachers, and lawyers. They are directly involved in the outcomes of People's lives and in some cases whether they actually live, i.e. George Floyd. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in to our school system. Children are the future and they need to be properly educated. Our public school system is pitiful and it our duty as a society to ensure that everyone has a chance to learn critical thinking skills, history (even if it unpleasant), math, and science on equal footing. We may not see an impact these kids make today, but it will pay dividends in the long term. As our elected officials, I trust you will do the right thing by the community you are suppose to serve. If not, we will remember when we are at the ballot box.
6/11/2020 15:38	Braydee VanOrden	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community-building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me, as a tax payer and citizen of Salt Lake, because this problem has gone on too long. The police department is grossly over funded while our community is struggling in various other areas of basic human resources and services. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in the communities best interest; housing, education, medical care, mental health, our massive homelessness problem, and/ or in senior centers. Please choose to do the right thing and I'vest in benefiting our community rather than further funding the police department. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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6/11/2020 15:39	Macie Robson	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, MRR
6/11/2020 15:50	Madeline Halperin	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Madeline Halperin

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6/11/2020 15:45	Bryana Serrano	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time.
6/11/2020 15:54	Lexi Hackford	Hello, My name is Alexis Hackford and I am a constituent of yours and resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. I am contacting you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least 30 million dollars, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am tired of seeing police officers abuse their power in order to inflict harm or fatality against minority individuals. I bell've that Utah needs to focus more on l'vesting funds to mental health, rehabilitation, affordable housing, education, and other basic human needs instead of arresting ?criminals?. Additionally, I think that police officers need much more thorough training on how to deescalate situations non-violently when encountering individuals within our community, especially people of color who are disproportionately harmed and targeted by police officers. Thank you for your time and consideration, Alexis Hackford
6/11/2020 15:43	Wesley Robinson	Hello, My name is Wesley Robinson and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year.
6/11/2020 15:41	Mackenzie Paddock	Hello, My name is Mackenzie Paddock and I am a resident of Utah. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in putting social workers and counselors in all schools, a higher salary for teachers, more funding for education, relief for the homeless, rent relief for struggling families, and food for the hungry. Sincerely, Mackenzie Paddock

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6/11/2020 15:48	Haley Dahle	Hello, my name is Haley Dahle and I am a resident living in the Salt Lake Valley (Holladay), and I work and recreate in Salt Lake City. I am writing to request that you reallocate at least \$30 million away from the SLCPD towards public services like housing, public transit, and other community initiatives for the 2020-2021 budget year and going forward indefinitely. I also request that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new officers. Reducing police funding and police presence is essential for keeping our communities safe. There is no evidence that body or anti-bias training work to reduce police violence. Instead SLC should reduce funding to the police, reduce the amount of military weapons distributed to the police, and I'vest in community support organizations.like our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers. This last week SLCPD was given the great opportunity to show us that they care about the wellbeing and safety of the citizens of Salt Lake City, instead they have shown us their disregard for our lives and their propensity for violence and brutality. Our frontline healthcare workers are still short of PPE during a global pandemic, while our police officers are fully decked out in full riot gear to take down peaceful protestors. We need to meet demands for change, not with increased violence and policing, but with tangible financial I'vestment in the communities we claim we want to support. We need to provide concrete and significant monetary support to the systems that uplift our citizens, not the ones that incarcerate them. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Haley Dahle

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6/11/2020 15:43	Alexa Leith	I am a student at Westminster College. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time.

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6/11/2020 15:44	Blake Ewton	I've lived in Utah most of my life and consider the greater Salt Lake City area my home. I bell've Utah is an excellent state and am grateful to have grown up here and enjoy the freedoms and prosperity this state provides. I know that a small minority of people have recently been very outspoken about defunding the Salt Lake City Police department and have shown up at City Council meetings. I think this would be a terrible idea that could cause a dramatic increase in crime and would most likely affect those with lower incomes the most. I think it's one of the government's main priorities to maintain law and order. The government can never guarantee complete safety and I wouldn't want them to as this would be at the expense of personal liberty. But Law Enforcement nevertheless has a place in protecting our society and making sure that criminals face the justice system. If you are a City Council member and are reading this, I'm sure you're already aware of the necessity to have law enforcement. I just want to make sure that you are not feeling pressured by a very angry and vocal minority to take a course of action that will be a disaster for Salt Lake City. I don't bell've these people who are clamoring to defund the police have calmly and logically thought through the ramifications of this. I think now, more than ever, in the history of our great state and our country we need to be having calm logical discussions when making decisions. I therefore urge you to continue to support the Salt Lake City Police Department and make sure they have what it takes to get criminals of the streets of Salt Lake City and respond quickly to residents in need. Thank you for taking the time to read this. I'm happy to discuss this further via email or a phone call if you are interested
6/11/2020 15:44	Timothy Bean	Hello, My name is Timothy Bean and I am a student of a Salt Lake City University and lifelong resident of Utah. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, helping the homeless, anything else.



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6/11/2020 15:47	Madeline Bague	I am a resident of Holladay. I am writing to demand that the Salt Lake City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Madeline Elise Bague

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6/11/2020 15:46	Becky Heiner	I live in Riverton, Utah. I shared this in another comment section but wanted to send it directly to you as a back up. it's been on my mind for a while now and it's just something I need to say in regards to the rumors of defunding the police department. My Dad was a cop. And growing up I didn't always understand or appreciate the reality of his situation. I was always home in a safe house and warm bed while he was out helping people who weren't. He often was sacrificing his own comfort (and sleep) to help protect people, sometimes from themselves and sometimes from the choices of others. Shortly after I was married I got a horrible phone call from my Mom early one morning. My Dad had gone to the store late the night before to buy some milk. He saw a group of guys in the parking lot seriously assaulting a woman and trying to push her into their car. He was off duty, but I'mediately stepped in to help the woman and scared them off. After making sure she was ok, he jumped in his car to follow them, just long enough to get a license plate number. He turned onto a street and was suddenly surrounded by cars, preventing him from getting out. He was outnumbered and the guys all jumped him, throwing a LARGE boulder rock through the window at his head and knocking him out. They dragged him out into the street, kicked him multiple times in the head, beat him, then left him for dead. Miraculously, Someone found him lying in the street unconscious. When I saw my Dad in the hospital, I barely recognized him, he was so badly beaten. Yet he still smiled at me when I walked in and jokingly said ?you should see the other guy!?. To this day, my Dad has long lasting complications (both mental and physical) from the concussion and brain damage he experienced. Did he choose to follow those guys that night because he hoped to kill someone? No. No way. He followed them because he saw an injustice taking place and wanted to help the woman victim. He took a beating for a stranger that night. He stepped in and saved her from who knows what horrible things might have happened to her...and he didn't even know her name. <b>1 of 2 *Continued Below*</b>

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6/11/2020 15:46	Becky Heiner	<b>2 of 2 *Continued Above*</b> I observed him for many years and the man never did anything that wasn't for the good of someone else. He was not in law enforcement for the money (heaven knows they don't get paid nearly enough), or the recognition, or because he had some sort of agenda or bias towards people. He was in it because he bell'ved innocent lives should not be taken advantage of by people making bad choices. He wanted to help people. And you bet that came at a cost...to him and to those who loved him. Say what you will about the police...and yes, there are bad apples in EVERY barrel, but my Dad will always represent bravery and selflessness to me. How many of us can say we would risk our lives for a stranger, no questions asked? Many of us would instinctively run the other direction in the face of danger. We can't shame those who sincerely just want to keep us safe, because they DO exist. Not every person of color is a "thug" (that is RIDICULOUS thinking) and not every cop is a racist, heartless killer. it's just not that simple. I don't have solutions or answers, and I'm not naive believing racl'm and bias don't exist. I know they do. Let's just all take a breath and look at this from a different angle before we go burning up the city, and overthrowing the entire police department. People are really hurting...and any knee jerk reaction is not going to be a quick fix. Change happens when hearts soften and people come together. We don't have to cut off a foot to mend a broken toe.
6/11/2020 15:54	Madisen Bollinger	Hello, My name is Madisen Bollinger. I am a resident of Salt Lake City, UT. I am emailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and relocate the funds to communities services. I also demand that the mayor maintains a hiring freeze on ANY new police officers within the fiscal year. This is important to me because BLACK LIVES MATTER AND PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES ARE DYING AT THE HANDS OF THESE RACIST COPS. I hope instead you I'vest \$30 million in education and other social services in our communities that help educate and protect our citizens. Thank you so much for your time. Madisen
6/11/2020 15:47	Maddy Totorica	Hello, My name is Maddy Totorica I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am calling in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLPD?s budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we need to see a change in the support we provide for to the community as a whole. I hope instead you I'vest \$30 million into rent relief and quality housing for those living at or below the poverty line. I'vest in more events, free resources and skill sharing at city libraries. I'vest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need of resources. I'vest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower income neighborhoods. There are so many other and more important resources that this money can go to that I feel would better benefit the community wellness. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Maddy Totorica

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6/11/2020 15:48	Madeline Cordova	Hello, My name is Madeline Cordova. I am a resident of Salt Lake City, UT and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of our city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for our community, and to drastically minimize spending on Police. It is unconscionable that 1/3 to 1/2 of the city's budget is going to the police department. This does not align with the values that I have as your constituent and I demand that you and other city officials work together to draft and approve a budget that diverts funds from the police department and reallocates them directly to benefit those in need. Defunding the police and restructuring the budget is an absolute necessity now more than ever. Police perpetuate a pattern of excessive violence and force, especially directed towards Black People and their communities. The police refuse to hold their own accountable and this is unacceptable. We are in the middle of a global pandemic that has killed 100,000 Americans and more than 40 million people have filed for unemployment. Healthcare workers are without proper equi'ment and essential workers are not being fairly compensated or protected for the great work they do. We don't need more police, we need more social safety nets. Funds intended for police would be better off being sorted to initiatives that Enrich our public schools and students Provide more affordable housing and mental health care initiatives Protect and bolster our parks Support small businesses struggling due to COVID-19 Provide cheaper and cleaner modes of public transportation Our nation is grieving the deaths of Black Americans that were murdered at the hands of police officers who have yet to be held accountable. While the police department has more funding than it knows what to do with, we have communities who desperately need funding and every day they don't receive it their quality of life worsens. Thousands have died who did not need to. You have the ability to change this, so do it. Sincerely, Madeline Cordova Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 15:55	Madisen Jessee	Hello, My name is Madisen jessie and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in the educational system. Sincerely, Madisen Jessee Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 15:58	Madison Hawkins	Hello, My name is Madison Hawkins and I am a Resident Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's <x-apple-data-detectors://11> vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is very important to me because I strongly bell've with these funds could benefit a lot more in other places and don't understand why the SLCPD needs this much in their budget seems absurd. Thank you for your time Sincerely, Madison Hawkins Sent from my iPhone

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6/11/2020 15:47	Alicia Chen	In light of recent events and the mayor's spoken comml'ment to address rac'l'm - I think that before we ratify any city budget we need a clear plan that shows how the budget will be used to address, NOT AVOID, systemic rac'l'm in all departments, most pointedly the police budget. Not only is the funding for the police department in general already excessive, but an increase to this amount is unacceptable considering the behavior of officers these past weeks and especially before we've seen any real, positive action come from all the comml'ments being made for our Black and Brown communities. The importance of where and how police forces came about is especially crucial for this moment in time because many of my white neighbors have never had to confront ANY of these issues of police violence. The police forces were created for them and by them, so it is no wonder they cannot understand and thus, their voices should be weighted less in this case. Thank you.
6/11/2020 15:49	Madeline Ferrell	Hello, my name is Madeline Ferrell and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLPD's budget by at least 30 million, and reallocate that money to community services. I also demand that the mayor make a hiring freeze on any new police officers during the fiscal year. This is important to me because police brutality (as a white woman) is something I have WITNESSED, something I have HEARD about, and something I have PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED. We must defund the police and use that money for education, housing, community services. Madeline Ferrell
6/11/2020 15:53	Madi Salie	I am a resident of Salt Lake City I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Madison Salie
6/11/2020 15:49	Elizabeth White	Hello, I am FOR the police!!!! I want the police funded the \$2 million they were promised and NOT de-fund them. That move would be counter productive to SLC. Why in the world would this defunding even be considered? Thanks, Elizabeth

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6/11/2020 15:59	Logan Law	Hi my name is Logan Law, I am a resident here in Salt Lake City. I am messaging you in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand before the final vote that the city makes drastic changes to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and to reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because with this money we could hire hundreds of new school teachers and give all teachers a 20% raise. Not to mention we could provide medical insurance to thousands of individuals, or even feed the mouths of the hungry. Thank you for your time. Logan Law
6/11/2020 16:00	Avrey Ovard	I am a resident of Davis County I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.

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6/11/2020 15:50	Lindsay Schowengerdt	I am a resident of Salt Lake City/Downtown. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Lindsay Schowengerdt
6/11/2020 15:56	Madisen Orn	Hello, My name is Madisen Orn. I am a resident of Salt Lake City, UT and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of our city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for our community, and to drastically minimize spending on Police. It is unconscionable that 1/3 to 1/2 of the city's budget is going to the police department. This does not align with the values that I have as your constituent and I demand that you and other city officials work together to draft and approve a budget that diverts funds from the police department and reallocates them directly to benefit those in need. Defunding the police and restructuring the budget is an absolute necessity now more than ever. Police perpetuate a pattern of excessive violence and force, especially directed towards Black People and their communities. The police refuse to hold their own accountable and this is unacceptable. We are in the middle of a global pandemic that has killed 100,000 Americans and more than 40 million people have filed for unemployment. Healthcare workers are without proper equi'ment and essential workers are not being fairly compensated or protected for the great work they do. We don't need more police, we need more social safety nets. Funds intended for police would be better off being sorted to initiatives that Enrich our public schools and students Provide more affordable housing and mental health care initiatives Protect and bolster our parks Support small businesses struggling due to COVID-19 Provide cheaper and cleaner modes of public transportation Our nation is grieving the deaths of Black Americans that were murdered at the hands of police officers who have yet to be held accountable. While the police department has more funding than it knows what to do with, we have communities who desperately need funding and every day they don't receive it their quality of life worsens. Thousands have died who did not need to. You have the ability to change this, so do it. Sincerely, Madisen Orn



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6/11/2020 15:57	Madison Kendrick	I am a resident of Capitol Hill. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Madison Kendrick
6/11/2020 15:52	Leslie Bowen	Hello, My name is Leslie Bowen and I am a constituent of yours. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand the before a final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I hope you I'veest \$30 million in homeless services, social workers and mental health facilities so that police officers can focus on community relationships. Thank you for your time to this matter. It is so very important.
6/11/2020 15:56	Lindsey Nelson	Hello, My name is Lindsey Nelson. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services including: * Health care * Education * Community programs that keep us safe. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because my mom is a school teacher, and based on her experience working in various public schools, it is clear that teachers and school staff are not being paid enough, and that there isn't enough funding for school programs. I bell've we should be allocating our funds to prevention programs, rather than potentially violent institutions. I hope you I'veest \$30 million in prevention programs in the areas I have bulleted above. 2020 is a new decade, and now is the time for a structural shift. Thank you for your time and your continued effort to do what is best for your constituents, Lindsey Nelson

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6/11/2020 15:58	Madison Cooper	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Madison Cooper
6/11/2020 15:55	Hanna Lukes	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Hanna Lukes Sent from my iPhone

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6/11/2020 16:00	Liliana Martinez	Hi, My name is Liliana and I'm an employee and student at the University of Utah. I'm emailing regarding the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. The mayor should also maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I believe that due to the recent events it is important to look within our police departments and make drastic changes before any new police officers are hired. I hope that instead, you invest \$30 million in education to hire new teachers and give all teachers a raise. It is also important to invest in public health programs to build healthier communities. Thank you so much for your time. Liliana Martinez, MPH
6/11/2020 15:57	Katie Summerfield	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,

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6/11/2020 15:59	Helen Lindamood	Hello, My name is Helen Lindamood. I am a SLC resident, a second year law student at the University of Utah, and an intern with the Utah'supreme Court?s Task Force for Regulationreform. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've that basic human dignity and civil rights should be guaranteed to all persons who reside in, work, and visit this city. Our police have proven they hinder this guarantee rather than further it. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in renewable energy, k-12 education, and housing access. Sincerely, Helen Lindamood she/ her /hers JD Candidate - [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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6/11/2020 16:00	Maddy Totorica	Hello, My name is Maddy Totorica and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year.

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6/11/2020 15:58	Losanne White	Hi there, I was reading an article < <a href="https://www.sltrib.com/news/politics/2020/06/09/salt-lake-city-council/">https://www.sltrib.com/news/politics/2020/06/09/salt-lake-city-council/</a> > today in the Salt Lake Tribune about Salt Lake City Council considering protesters' calls to defund the police. It was heartening to hear that many many of my fellow community members are calling to support the \$30 million worth of cuts to the city's police department budget, and that many of our representatives (you) are open to the conversation around how to go about this - this is a great move forward for Salt Lake City, Utah, and the country as a whole! However, I was saddened to hear that action is unlikely to happen this year. Especially as one of the reasons cited being not enough data around what this would look like -- which is exactly why systemic racism has been so difficult to overthrow. These systems have been in place for hundreds of years, continuing to marginalize Black people, and we as a city are sick of it. We aren't asking for you to wait and see what happens in Minneapolis, or LA, or any of the other cities that have promised to defund - we are asking for change NOW, in our city. (As an aside, I think it's a weak argument to begin with to require more data before making any changes, as we've seen time and again governments making decisions that go against the data and facts.) Further, if you are putting more stock in what the Salt Lake City Police Association President says than what your constituents are saying, I think you need to take a second look at what you're doing in your position. We continue to implore you for a 30% reduction in SLCPD budget and instead reinvest in more affordable housing, education, and other community resources that help solve the underlying problems instead of throwing violence at them. I know that Salt Lake is far from being among the more progressive cities in this nation, but I hope that you will continue to listen to your constituents as we demand change. Not reform, not more training, but CHANGE, so this city, and eventually this country, can start moving away from racism and towards equality. Thank you for taking the time to read my feedback. I welcome any feedback or corrections you have for me, as well. Losanne
6/11/2020 16:01	Lexy Lovato	Hello, My name is Elexyah Lovato and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because [INSERT WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU OR DELETE SENTENCE]. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in [INSERT WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE INVESTED IN OR DELETE SENTENCE]. Sincerely, [FULL NAME]

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6/11/2020 15:58	Heather Aagard	Hello, My name is Heather Aagard and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in other social support services. Sincerely, Heather Aagard
6/11/2020 16:01	Hunter Murphy	Dear Ana, Thank you for remaining attentive and focussed in yesterday's meeting. I know you're getting hit with a lot and I appreciate you staying focussed and listening to the people of this city. I do ask that you continue to imagine a future where we value education, health, and diversity over weaponized defense. We don't need the same people responsible for mental health calls, traffic stops, homelessness, drug use, violent threats, and school safety. We can live in a world where these realities are addressed appropriately and separately. Although it will take time to get there, defunding and reallocating is the next, right step. Thank you again, and I look forward to seeing what you and your constituents propose. Sincerely, Hunter Murphy
6/11/2020 16:02	Ira Hinckley	Hello Chris, it's astounding to think that the city council is considering caving in to the street mobs demands to defund the police. The police are overstrained as it is. If you want to add more funding to various social worker groups to rell've some of the pressure then I am fine with that, I'm willing to pay more taxes, but who's going to solve our murder cases, who's going to protect our streets, who's going to come to your aid when you're in danger? it's completely ridiculous. Less \$ means less training, less body cams, worse policing and less justice. I understand the street mobs are now calling for the freeing of the looters and arsonists that were arrested from the riots. Inconceivable! I hope that's not next on the City Council agenda. I am also completely outraged by the city council's lack of support and statements of attack on our Peace Officers, which are carrying out the most difficult job in the nation. I'm becoming more & more convinced that it's time for this flaming Liberal to start voting Republican. your constituent, Ira Hinckley



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6/11/2020 16:01	Maggie Burns	Hello, I am a student at Westminster College. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Maggie Burns
6/11/2020 16:02	Maggie Kutz	Hello, My name is Maggie and I am a resident of district 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council reduces the police budget by \$30 million and adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black and Brown people. I live one block from where Bernardo Palacios-Cabajal was murdered by police by being shot over 20 times. This is is the last thing I would have expected to happen in my and there is no excuse for Bernardo being murdered. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Maggie Kutz

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6/11/2020 15:59	Madison Sudweeks	I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people as well as other people of color. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Madison Sudweeks
6/11/2020 16:08	Anna Hayes	I am a constituent of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I was a high school teacher for 4 years and the way out of this mess is through education and I've investment in a cities people. If you treat someone like a criminal you will find a criminal. Treat someone like a human you will see what they have to offer. I've investing in youth, women and communities have PROVEN to be more effective than policing. Please, Let's be proactive rather than focus on being retroactive I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in your constituents with community programs and recourses rather than policing them.
6/11/2020 16:00	Maggie Bradford	Hello, My name is Magdeleine Bradford and I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because what is currently happening is not effective. The current police system as we know it is not law enforcement, it is order enforcement. We are prioritizing order and quiet over justice and law. I am also disappointed in how the money towards the SLCPD is being allocated, since the vast majority of officers I know and am friends with are making around \$14-\$20 an hour and their training is 21 weeks. I can only assume that the money itself is not being used for the officers' benefits, but rather for weapons, technology, and other devices once again to maintain order rather than justice. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in mental health services and programs that support the necessities of human life, such as housing, food, job training, and more extensive psychological training to officers. Make a choice, make a change, and together, we can make a difference. Sincerely, Magdeleine Bradford

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6/11/2020 16:00	Cody Ashdown	I am a resident and student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education.
6/11/2020 16:02	Ashley Ramos	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.
6/11/2020 16:03	Magnus Byrlev	I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Magnus Byrlev

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6/11/2020 16:03	Ira Hinckley	I am outraged at your statement slamming our fine Peace Officers who are only doing their duty to protect the public. They yelled at him 17 times to either ?stop,? ?show me your hands,? or ?drop it,? referring to a gun, Police say a gun that Palacios-Carbajal was bell'ved to be carrying was recovered from the scene. I think YOU should spend some time chasing down these criminals with guns before you make any more such comments. Who is going to protect our city after you chase away any decent person who would want the job as a police officer. We can't wait until you are voted off the council. Ira Hinckley resident.
6/11/2020 16:28	Katie Wegner	Hello, My name is Katherine Wegner and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our city needs to focus on social services and education- not more police funding. It is unacceptable that Black people in Utah are more likely to be disappropriately killed by police than in any other state. There are so many great things about our city that we should be lifting up instead of the SLCPD. I hope that you will change the narrative about Salt Lake City by I've investing in positive community resources so we can all thrive. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in building our community up instead of tearing it down with violence. Sincerely, Katherine Wegner Council District Seven
6/11/2020 16:25	Cherie Campbell	I am deeply concerned that you would be entertaining suggestions of defunding the Police force. The most important support our government can do for us is protect us and our freedoms. The laws and those who enforce it are our best friends. don't let radical pressures from the media concerning the terrible incident in Minnesota cause you to entertain such a notion of not protecting our citizens. The Minnesota incident may not have happened if their Police Force had more funding for proper training. Please continue to support the Police Force and increase their funding if needed.
6/11/2020 16:04	Isabel Tapia	Hello, My name is Isabel and I am a RESIDENT OF Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me as I bell've We as a community should always stick together. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in schools as it definitely needs to be worked on. Sincerely, Isabel Sent from my iPhone

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6/11/2020 16:12	Jane Fjeldsted	Dear Salt Lake City Council Members, I am writing to ask you to continue supporting the Salt Lake Police Department, and vote against the 30% budget cut you plan to address in your meeting next week. I live in Davis County, but do the bulk of my work in Salt Lake. As I looked at each district, it was remarkable to me that my work takes me regularly to each of your areas many times per week. I have regular rehearsals and workshops in The Marmalade District, First Baptist Church of Salt Lake, Zion Lutheran Church, and American Preparatory Academy 1. I teach lessons in these locations as well as north of the Capitol, and in the Avenues. I park on 1300 East and South Temple to teach at the U. of U. We do all our purchasing for our business at the Salt Lake Costco. We perform and attend concerts on and around Temple Square, St. Ambrose Church, St. Mark's Cathedral, and All Saints Episcopal Church. I also conduct professional recording sessions at various locations in Salt Lake employing many of our finest artists. It isn't my object to boast as I list these things - I simply wanted to let you know most of my work is within your boundaries. We love Salt Lake. We appreciate the feeling of welcome, the security we feel, the fact that it is clean and safe. We understand in light of current events, there are calls for change, and rightfully so - injustice can't be tolerated. But I ask that you question before cutting the budget of the police department: is it over funded? Are there solid economic reasons for the action? Has there been an audit that shows this a prudent move? Or is it a response to our current national climate, a show of solidarity with the movement for social justice and change? And truly, is it wise? You govern an important city to Utah and the world. Please be careful and prudent in your choices. Thank you for "listening" to another voice - I'm sure you have plenty. Thank you for all you do, for your energy and time. Best regards, Jane Fjeldsted -- Jane R. Fjeldsted, D.M.A. Conductor/Music Educator SALT LAKE SINGERS Davis Interfaith Choir & Symphony VOCALIS
6/11/2020 16:04	Lily Phillips	Hello, My name is Lilian and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because too many POC are being murdered everyday in the US. AND, no cops, nor the entire police system are being held accountable for their violent murders. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in teachers, Therapists, nurses, and the entire education system. Sincerely, Lilian Phillips

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6/11/2020 16:05	Leila Dunn	Hello, my name is Leila Dunn and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Leila Dunn,
6/11/2020 16:04	Alyse Morgan	I was born and raised in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, public health, Anti-rac'l'm groups, access to good mental health help, etc etc etc there are a million amazing things that this community NEEDS!!! And you have the chance to help our community, not control it! Help us become better citizens and better people. Please.
6/11/2020 16:04	Maisy Hayes	Hello, My name is Maisy Hayes and I am a resident and student in Salt Lake City. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least 30 million, and relocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important because SLCPD has proven to use unlawful force and arrest and kill black people and people of color at a higher rate what white people, perpetuating rac'l'm and violence in our country. I want to live in a place that is safe for all people and fair to all people and I would hope that you bell've the same in representing us. I work in an NGO called promise South Salt Lake, I hope underprivileged children with their studies and emotional development. Programs like this are going to be what change or society. I would like to see this 30 million dollar going towards creating our schools better, offer people free mental-emotional health services, and pay our teachers better. All of these factors in our city are very under-stimulated despite being vitally important. Thank you so much for your time, Maisy Hayes

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6/11/2020 16:05	Caitlin Miller	<p>I am a resident of Senate District 26. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing, specifically considering social determinants of health, and redirects funding away from the police. Utah citizens and residents are fed up. It is well documented that the SLCPD has a history of systemic violence of policing, including murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. I personally worked on Intermountain Healthcare?s initiative to provide more community services in Washington County to try to alleviate the pressure on social and public services. There are definitely times where law enforcement is the appropriate response, but they are used far too often for things they have no education or experience in. This proposal helps everyone. If all lives truly matter, you will revise the SLC budget and put money where it counts.</p>



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6/11/2020 16:05	J.W. Trull	<p>Council, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I live in Council District 4, one block from where Bernando Palacios was murdered by police 16 days ago. I walk by where he was murdered every day. In the wake of police killings across the country, as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary leadership and an end to business-as-usual policing. I am calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become these visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and use these resources to make I'vestments in tactics to keep us safe and healthy, especially in BIPOC communities. Policing is not a solution to community ills. Our criminal justice system is built on the idea that crime is a form of individual misbehavior, and can be prevented by putting ?bad guys? in jail. On the other hand, common sense and social sciences research tell us that most crime is caused by poverty and marginalization, and cannot be prevented without addressing the underlying causes. In the words of retired Minneapolis Police Chief Tony Bouza, ?The idea of police as crime preventers is rubbish. By the time the cop appears the criminal has been formed and the crime has been committed.? We can live in safe and healthy communities without police; in fact, the criminalization and violence police bring into our communities makes us even less safe. What we need are resources ? the time and support to build a network of community safety providers that don't solve every difficult problem with the threat of force. The mayor's proposed budget for 2020-2021 increases the funding of the SLC Police Department to \$85 million a year. Think about what that money could do if it were used to help people out of poverty or to build affordable housing; think what it could do if it were used to hire more social workers instead of more police. It is time for us to try something new. The first step on the road to a police-free city is determining the needs of our communities, and identifying alternatives that can meet those needs. I am calling on the Council to commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: 1 of 2 *Continued Below*</p>

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6/11/2020 16:05	J.W. Trull	2 of 2 *Continued Above* Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD throughout the fiscal year * To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police Department's budget. * To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. * To protect and expand current investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of investing in police. * To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Here are some proposed alternative investments, which should be implemented as community-led programs: * Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line * Invest in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries * Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes * Invest in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources * Invest in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods * Funding for after-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public schools * Invest in housing, employment and healthcare in ways that directly target the problems of public safety * Instead of criminalizing homelessness, we need publicly financed supportive housing * Instead of gang units, we need community-based anti-violence programs, trauma services and jobs for young people * Instead of school police we need more counselors, after-school programs, and restorative justice programs To be clear, I am not calling for reforms to change how the police departments operate. Nor am I calling for increased fundings for training or tools such as bodycams. These steps have proven to fall short. I am demanding the SLC Council take steps to DEFUND THE SLCPD. Thank you for all of your hard work! Change starts with you! Black lives matter! J.W. Trull < <a href="https://mailtrack.io/trace/mail/c94db4c4f9638636f9abfa53b92e5ce103b2ebf6.png?u=5485495">https://mailtrack.io/trace/mail/c94db4c4f9638636f9abfa53b92e5ce103b2ebf6.png?u=5485495</a> >

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6/11/2020 16:05	Jadah Brown	<p>I am sure you all are fielding a multitude of emails on the demands of changes for the police department, so I will make this simple for those of you who do not wish to read a long email: I am a police officer and therefore this will be in support of police officers. The important part though, is why, why beyond simply being a police officer do I urge you all to really put a lot of thought into making a decision regarding the police budget and other outcries the public is asking to be addressed. A little background about me: I am from St. Louis County, so while I was not directly surrounding by the Ferguson protests, I was closely connected to them. I have my bachelors degree in Criminal Justice as well as one in Psychology. Also, while in school I interned for the police oversight agency in Kansas City, Missouri during the Ferguson protests. All of these experiences have opened my eyes and my heart towards protesters and what they are fighting for. I have wanted to be a police officer since I graduated the D.A.R.E. program in 5th grade, then I grew up and saw different aspects of the world. In my studies I learned extensively about systemic rac'l'm and the problems within the criminal justice system. Hearing my neighbors and the problems they faced in Ferguson as well as watching the protests first hand I felt that I no longer wanted to be a police officer. I pursued social justice issues instead, they are so important! I could not shake the feeling, however, that I was meant to be a police officer, that I was meant to be the change. While at the oversight agency I found that almost every complaint against a police officer was rooted in the fact that citizens do not know what police can or cannot do. Officers were rarely, if ever, breaking policy. Complaints existed not because officers were doing things wrong, but because people do not know what they can do. I bell've that while some policies should be amended, SLPD has most of the policies in place that people want. I bell've that People'should be educated on not just what they have a right to do, but what the police officers have the right to do, since that tends to be the root issue of complaints against officers. I chose Salt Lake City to be a police officer because they are a progressive department who have shown time and time again that they are open to change. I became a police officer to change the perception of police, to be the best while doing everything I could do to keep the community I love safe. Then when I became a police officer I realized something, just about every officer out there is doing what I am and they are not the monsters they are painted to be. Reducing the budget of the police department would be unwise at any time, but especially currently. The citizens wantreform and heightened training on the issues at hand, that costs money. If the budget was to be cut those trainings would have to be one of the first things to go. More use of non lethal force options requires funding as well as the training on them. Every option to not have to use lethal force should be utilized when possible, but that takes a lot of funding. Body cameras for accountability are also exceedingly expensive and the companies do not necessarily build them to last. <b>1 of 2 *Continued Below*</b></p>

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6/11/2020 16:05	Jadah Brown	<b>2 of 2 *Continued Above*</b> All of these things could be cut if the budget was reduced, all of these things are what the citizens want us to have. I bell've social justice is a fight that needs to be fought and I stand by change; however, when you are actually out there dealing with the issues first hand it is not what people think. Salt Lake has so many resources for the homeless and that is a great thing, but we also have a much larger homeless population than many cities. Many officers regularly offer to take homeless individuals to shelters, the individuals consistently refuse to go for whatever reason. The citizens want more resources for the homeless and I do not bell've that is a bad thing; however, I do bell've it will not fix the issues at hand since presently so many individuals reject the help the city is trying to extend. When it comes to disarming officers, that is jaw dropping! I understand that people are justifiably angry in this time, but that would be a knee-jerk reaction to the situation. I do not bell've any of you are seriously considering doing that, but I felt it needed to be addressed. I am not the worlds biggest fan of firearms, I hope that I never ever have to use mine. That being said, there is not a single officer that would stay if we were not able to be armed. We deal with more danger every day than people realize. People bell've that they are no safer because of police and so they want to defund or get rid of the police departments. The reality is that citizens are blissfully unaware of what truly happens in their cities. I was fairly well educated on the crime in this city; I studied it and wanted to be a police officer, however, I truly had no idea what really went on until I became a police officer and saw everything first hand. It is surprising what really goes on behind the scenes every single day in this world and the vast majority of people have no idea. I urge each of you, whether you previously have or not, to go on a ride-a-long. Get to see what we see, get to understand a little more why we need the funding and the ability to use force if necessary. I think every citizen should go on one as well; I think the reality of the situation needs to be addressed. I apologize for being so long winded here, but this decision does greatly effect me. I gave background on who I am because I truly bell've my personal experiences help me understand more what citizens are thinking. I also wanted it to be acknowledged that I have had the education and the training citizens want police officers to have and therefore do understand the outcries, but I also know that the changes they are wanting such as disarming officers and cutting their budget would be unwise. I almost chose not to be a police officer because I bought into the lie that they were all bad, I am so glad I did more research! Thank you for taking the time to hear me out and read my novel. I know that you will make the decision that you all bell've is best, and no matter what it will not be a decision you made lightly. I do not envy any of you the task you have at hand. I urge you to remember though that the majority of society does not want to defund or disband the police, it is just the loudest who do.
6/11/2020 16:10	Jake Cragun	Hello, My name is Jake Cragun and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because changes need to be made, to stop this virus of police brutality. The system needs to be changed to train cops more, and have a more diligent hiring process. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in education of our future. Sincerely, Jake Cragun Sent from my iPhone

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6/11/2020 16:08	Jackie Arellano	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Jackie Arellano
6/11/2020 16:12	Anna Svikhart	I am a resident of the Dan Dugan District. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures/promises and suggestions of reform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.

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6/11/2020 16:09	Jade Allen	Hello, My name is Jade and I am a Utah born Salt Lake City resident. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe all People should have rights no matter color, gender, ethnicity, and sexual orientation. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in helping impoverished areas of Utah, families, and people of color. As well as educating others especially the police force on how everyone's life matters. Sincerely, Jade
6/11/2020 16:11	Makenna Snyder	Hello, My name is Makenna Snyder and I am a resident Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important because I believe that money could go towards other things our community may need more. Sincerely, Makenna Snyder Makenna Snyder
6/11/2020 16:12	Makenzie Coker	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Makenzie Coker
6/11/2020 16:14	Mamie Green	Hello, My name is Mamie and I am a Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I feel very strongly that many officers are abusing their power to serve and protect, and I feel if that is the case and this money is given to them we shouldn't be taxed due to the injustices against people of color. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in more financial help for coronavirus, or to the homeless who don't have much help or resources. Or even troubled youth! Sincerely, Mamie

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6/11/2020 16:11	Makenna Sutter-Robinson	Hello, My name is Makenna Sutter-Robinson and I am a resident of, worker, and student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the police force is using their power to uphold their own racial bias at the cost of human life. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public education, specifically in communities of color. Sincerely, Makenna Sutter-Robinson Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 16:13	Malaina Toner	Hello, My name is Malaina Toner and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because this money is an imbalance and could benefit so many other aspects of the community. I also believe it will prove where we are at as a city and bring the community closer rather than divided, which would be extremely beneficial in this time since we know what a divided society can cause. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in teachers and their salary. Teachers are the foundation of the growing generations and can seriously affect a community. However, I also support the \$30 million being I'vested anywhere else that will benefit the residents of Salt Lake City. Thank you, and I hope you take this into serious consideration. Sincerely, Malaina Toner
6/11/2020 16:15	Mandy Willl'ms	Hello, I'm a Salt Lake City resident and I'm writing about the 2020-2021 city budget. I'd like to request that the city cut the police department budget significantly, by at least \$30 million, and use those funds for community building services. I'd also like the city to maintain a hiring freeze for new police officers. I'd like to see this happen before the budget vote on June 16. Policing in its current incarnation is not only ineffective, it's dangerous. I would like the reallocated funds to be used for social services and housing, which would be much more beneficial to the community. In addition to reallocating funding, I would like to see a comm'l'ment to reimagining the police force altogether in the future. Thank you sincerely for your time. Mandy Willl'ms
6/11/2020 16:18	Mara Braddy	Hello, My name is Mara Elizabeth Braddy and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the state of policing has gone too far towards militarized tactics, unnecessary brutality, and an unwillingness to deescalate dangerous situations. The policing of Americans is no longer protecting Americans, but instead put us, especially people of color, in grave danger. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in schools, public health, and community programs. Sincerely, Mara Elizabeth Braddy
6/11/2020 16:18	Marc Coles-Ritchie	City Council member Amy Fowler, I support reducing funding for the Salt Lake City Police Department and using those funds for marginalized or poor communities -- for health care, parks and recreation, housing, mental health services, homeless services, etc. Thanks, Marc Coles-Ritchie resident of SLC District 7



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6/11/2020 16:12	Makenzie Elliott	I am a resident of Cottonwood Heights. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Makenzie Elliott
6/11/2020 16:22	Margaret Regier	Hi Darin, I'm reaching out as your constituent to identify your position regarding moving forward with policereform. I?d like to know what your plans are moving forward to addressing police brutality and increased militarization. I recognize that you are in a difficult position with the state, and radical changes could result in power being taken from you. However, I want to argue it is the best move. Taking a bold step to defund police and focus our efforts on healthy communities would show residents that you?re committed to building a better salt lake. If the state takes away your power, the protests and the arguments will move to state legislators. If nothing else, radical change shows your residents where you stand. Best, Maggie Regier -- Maggie Regier Please disregard any errors as this was sent on my mobile device.

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6/11/2020 16:13	Malkie Wall	<p>Hello! My name is Malkie Wall and I am a Salt Lake City voter. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Malkie Wall</p> <p><b>1</b> [REDACTED]</p>

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6/11/2020 16:13	Cody Lougy	<p>Good evening council member Rogers, My name is Cody Lougy, I'm a Police Sergeant for the Salt Lake City Police Department. I have worked for SLCPD for over 21 years. In my time serving our community, I have worked in many assignments to include, public relations, special victims, homicide, Investigations and motors. In addition to working for the police department, I teach high school for the Salt Lake city's school district. I have been teaching ?Law Enforcement? for the past 20 years and my students are from West, East, Innovations and Highland high school. I know the topic has come up to de-fund the police department and bell've me it's getting a lot of attention not only by the SLCPD Police Department but also on a national level and it has sent shock waves through the SLC business community . I sincerely hope our city council would not move into that direction as this would really affect the moral of all the officers, the entire staff of the police department along with the majority of the community. The timing of this couldn?t be worse as many officers just spent the last 8 days working over 100 hours to hold the line and keep the citizens, and their property safe, all the while their spouses and family members streamed live the horrific events, not knowing if their loved ones would return home. I know our city council recognize that it represents far more constituents than those yelling the loudest at a protest. I fear this anti-cop direction is going to be more common than the public realizes. I can promise we are on the verge of losing outstanding officers. The tipping point is about one riot/ungrateful speech from a mayor or city council away. We signed up to be police officers not because of pay, but to serve and protect our community. The greatest reward we get and want, is to know we are appreciated and valued. Heck that goes for any job really, how motivated are you going to be if you?re not appreciated, valued and respected by your employer and the community you serve. Since the last civil unrest involving Michael Brown and Ferguson in 2014 as you know our police department has had a hard time recruiting good officers. We have watched our recruit list dwindle, making it very difficult to find well qualified candidates. We have increased pay, benefits and the recruit budget and it's still be very difficult. Please keep in mind, if you recruit well, conduct thorough background checks and train constantly, you can have a human with a kind heart and good ethics who is willing to fight hard, be uncomfortable and even get hurt for you. You can have a human who tries. You can have someone who struggles, who sometimes fails, who gets better with time and experience and who has setbacks. But you can't have perfection. In fact, you can break perfectly good humans by insisting they be something they can't be ? things no one can be. Please don't defund the police department, support the good that we have accomplished and Let's keep the momentum going. We all have worked hard to bring our community partners together. We can and will push to do better, it's makes us all stronger. <b>1 of 4 *Continued Below*</b></p>

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6/11/2020 16:13	Cody Lougy	<p><b>2 of 4 *Continued Above*</b> Below are some ideas we have practiced over the years to maintain great connections with our community. I bell've if each and every one of us did the majority of these things, we would begin to turn the corner on what seems to be an all-out assault on the credibility of the law enforcement profession. * INTERACT WITH PEOPLE IN NON-ENFORCEMENT SITUATIONS. The Salt Lake City Police Department has an Explorer program where officers work with 14- 20 years old and teach them about being police officers, but more importantly we build relationships and break down barriers. Some of the Explorers become police officers but many don't and keep in mind the mission and goal are to build relationships and teach them skills they can'take anywhere regardless what career field they go into. I was an explorer advisor and I can'tell you the impact to our community is huge the l'vestment into this program pays off. it's a win for our youth and it's also a win for the officers as it heals them through secondary intent. It allows the officer to connect to many different races, cultures and ethnic backgrounds. Public perception is changed one person at a time. * Get officers INVolved in our COMMUNITY. The majority of the public supports law enforcement officers and what we do. The majority of the public wants to interact with us &lt;<a href="https://www.policeone.com/community-relations/articles/479879006-The-public-speaks-Cops-are-trusted/">https://www.policeone.com/community-relations/articles/479879006-The-public-speaks-Cops-are-trusted/</a>&gt; and get to know us as people. Unfortunately, many of us avoid these interactions, especially in certain communities, because of how we perceive they perceive us. The perception in the media is not the reality we live, and we should conduct ourselves accordingly. Our public relations unit needs more staff to interact with the public in a positive way. After working homicide for several years, I left and went to the public relations unit. It was a positive changed and really got me out of a dark place. It was nice working with the public, and the best was being a ?hero? again as we volunteered in elementary school classroom, community events and service-oriented projects. As a profession we must connect on a personal level with those we are charged with policing. The next generation of police officers will be successful if they become fully l'mersed in their communities. It is much harder to hate up close! You truly love those you serve! * COMMITTED OFFICERS The dedication and love for our community runs deep in my family as my son is also a police officers for West Valley Police Department. He grew up wanting to make a difference and serve others. He has been a police officer for 4 years now and is serving in the Special Victims Unit and SWAT Division. He responded to SLC on Saturday May 30th to help protect and serve our community and even with his experience as a SWAT officer, this was the scariest thing he had ever seen or been involved in. l'myself have never seen anything of this magnitude in my 21 years of service. Our officers give their all and many times miss out on important family events in order to serve others. Please support our police who give so much to help our community better. <b>2 of 4</b></p> <p><b>*Continued Below*</b></p>

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6/11/2020 16:13	Cody Lougy	<b>3 of 4 *Continued Above*</b> Removing our police force would quickly destroy our beautiful Salt Lake City. Please stand by us as we stand to protect you! it's hard to understand how much we give of our own, for the community. I've attached a post from an officer's wife that provides a powerful perspective on how our loved ones at home feel. Please take the time to read her perspective. I've prayed about this for the past few days and decided it was finally time? I'm done. I'm done. I. Am. Done? For the last week our family has been through hell. (other police families know exactly what I'm talking about) I've never been one to stir anything up on social media. I'd rather talk one-on-one, but this is absolutely crazy right now! I'm not posting to argue or change your opinion (I know I can't do that on fb). I'm breaking my silence to say that the portrayal of Police on TV is not right! it's not what is actually happening on the streets! And the overall disrespect and hate being thrown at them is unbelievable! STOP IT!!!! The Police are just as saddened by George Floyd's death as anyone. My husband is going in to work for the 12th day today. 12 straight days? and the last week almost all the days have been from before my girls wake up in the morning to after they go to bed. Why is he doing this? Because he took an oath to defend YOU (the community)!!! He's missed more than I could ever begin to tell you? our kids bdays, holidays, anniversaries, swim meets, dance shows, campouts, dates, overall LIFE? serving and protecting the community! He has been a police officer for 13 years and has received a great deal of hate over that time, but this last week? I can't even put in to words the disbelief I see in his eyes? the way he has been broken down in one week from constant hate. In conversation with him he described it like this? ?I'm used to being cussed at and yelled at, but never for 12 hours straight ? day after day?. STOP IT!!! For 13 years he has sacrificed SO much for this community!!! And might I remind everyone that my husband is one of the absolute best Police Officers! He has had criminals thank him for treating them like humans! What he has done in 13 years is incredible, yet he is having rocks and bottles thrown at him? and having unbelievable things yelled at him ? all of which are inappropriate for fb. He's being told that they hope he goes home to a dead wife! Really! But that's not on TV. Unless you are wearing a badge during this or have I'mmediate family that is you really have no idea what it's been like? because no one is telling this side. My girls have cried so much and have seen friends say/post awful things? my son has never been more angry and has had to defend his dad to People'saying ?save a life ? kill a cop? and ?if you are currently a cop, you deserve to die? !!! That's for real people? that's really what is being said! Imagine what is going through my kids' heads. They are proud of their dad and have seen what he has had to sacrifice for YOU (the community), but they also see how the Police are now being hated, truly hated. <b>3 of 4 *Continued Below*</b>

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6/11/2020 16:13	Cody Lougy	<p>4 of 4 *Continued Above* They know that things have been thrown at their dad like rocks, bottles, even explosives and they are scared. I am scared. We're scared because he will continue to get up every day and go back out there in this hate. Their dad, my husband (and many Police officers) have kept the community safe for so long. Can you even imagine a community without them? My husband has taken hundreds of intoxicated drivers off the streets, taken unreal amounts of illegal guns and drugs off the streets and community, been fought by criminals so many times it's scary, comforted crash victims as they wait for the ambulance, taken food to the homeless, taken clothes/toys(our own children?s) to fire victims, saved lives including a young man shot in the neck at a bar on Christmas Eve where my husband shoved gauze in the bullet hole, he?s had conversations over and over about turning their lives around and being better people, he?s shared about Jesus and plays Christian radio in his police car for them to hear, he?s conducted interview after interview where he gets a confession that has surprised even his coworkers, he?s been flipped off by a 6 year old, and had threats made to his life and his family?s, he has stopped burglars off duty, he had a gun pulled from under a driver?s leg and brought up to shoot him that my husband deflected, he has worked in the scorching heat and in blizzards, he has worked double, triple, and quadruple shifts to take down criminals, he?s been scared and he?s been exhausted, but never like right now. STOP IT!!! I'm crying and shaking, just like every day this last week. Prayers to all Police officers and their families, it is a very sad and scary time. In our home we have always taught to love and be kind to everyone (both genders and all colors and cultures). My kids are nice, and I always have told them that being told that from a teacher means more to me than their grades?. ALWAYS! Be a kind human, make someone?s day better? those are things we say in our home? always have, always will. What is happening right now is crazy and scary. It needs to stop! Love God, Love People and lift up the Police in prayer right now please! I'm not willing to argue with anyone? I just felt the need to get one Police family?s experience out there. I've also attached a you tube video of actual footage of the evening of May 30, 2020 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdlgB7iQty8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdlgB7iQty8</a>. I can only imagine what would happen to our community if we no longer supported our police to serve and protect the citizens of Salt Lake City. By defunding the police department, it will only worsen an already demoralized police department and worsen crime rates and police response times in Salt Lake City. Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns. I hope you remain committed to support the men and women of the Salt Lake City Police Department. Please be advised this video is graphic and hard to watch, this is our city, we are so much better then this? &lt;<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdlgB7iQty8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdlgB7iQty8</a>&gt; Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns. I hope you remain committed to support the men and women of the Salt Lake City Police Department. Cody Lougy</p>
6/11/2020 16:21	Maren Moffatt	<p>The budget dictates that 50 new officers would be hired over two years specifically to improve public park safety. The concern was raised in the document that minority and at-risk populations would find their presence unsettling, which was dI'missed by the administration. Public opinion clearly says otherwise. As an 18 year old white girl, even I would be mildly uncomfortable with a police presence at a public park, and if I was in the company of people of color, I would certainly fear for their safety. My friends and my community and my peers say the same. If a privileged person like me doesn?t feel comfortable in their presence, what does that say about their ability to serve and protect our vulnerable communities? We do not want more armed officers in our places of leisure. Hear their voices and listen to your constituents.</p>

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6/11/2020 16:15	Brittney Webb	Please do not defund the SLC police. This is completely reckless behavior. I am proud of our police officers. I am embarrassed you would even suggest it as a good idea. You need to listen to the slc public and represent us. Stop following these power hungry mayors across the country. They are all going to be voted out. It is time for you to talk to the people you represent and actually listen to us. We want to move forward from this devastating economic fall of 2020 and we need a strong police department to do so. We need our voices heard. This is not a democratic state stop acting like it is. Allow our police offices to do what they do best protect and serve. don't put limitations on their expertise in crowd control. The SLC riot is your fault for not allowing our police officers to handle the situation the way they were trained to do. Step back and listen to your community. Step back and listen to our police department on how we (including you) can help them make SLC safte and bring back our economic growth. We are stronger than this. Stop politiicising this 2020 distaster. Start growing and building up. Growth starts with a strong police force. Let them serve and protect. Let freedom and prosperity come back to SLC.
6/11/2020 16:16	Liezl Inabnit	Hello, My name is Liezl Inabnit and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in social work, education, or anything to help our community grow and heal. Sincerely, Liezl Anne Inabnit



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6/11/2020 16:22	Lily Rauf	Hello, My name is Lily Rauf and I am a resident in Springville. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because of the countries current circumstances. No one deserves to suffer or be murdered anymore. Action must be taken. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in social services. Sincerely, Lily Rauf
6/11/2020 16:23	Logan Day	Hello, My name is Logan Day and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout 2020 I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in renewable energy Sincerely, Logan Day Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 16:16	Katie Valdez	To Whom It May Concern, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Katie Valdez
6/11/2020 16:21	Flannery Mack	Hello, My name is Flannery and I am a constituent of yours in Salt Lake City. I am calling in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we already spend a grossly disproportionate amount of money on policing while cutting budgets for education and other programming that keep families trapped in poverty. I work in homeless services, and I have seen how this imbalance has devastating impacts on people in real time. Overpolicing struggling communities is not the answer. Police are trained to threaten, subjugate, and terrorize. This is not what our city needs. I hope that instead you will I'vest \$30 million in education, childcare for low income families, community development, jobs in struggling neighborhoods, and accessible mental health care for all Utah's. Thank you so much for your time, Flannery

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6/11/2020 16:17	Jain Willis	Dear Council'member Mano, We are asking the police in our community to do too much. Police officers are not equipped to handle substance abuse, mental health, and homeless issues. Mayor Mendenhall's proposed budget wants an increase in training and funding for the police. But we do not need our police to do more, we need them to interact with the community less so that they do less harm. Rather than increasing funding for the police department, I ask that you decrease funding to the police department and give it to areas of our community that are truly in need. In Minneapolis, the groups Reclaim the Block and the Black Visions Collective are lobbying for \$45 million worth of MPD?s budget ? \$193 million in 2020 ? be redirected into violence prevention programs, youth homelessness programs, an opioid taskforce and mental health response team. We can do similar things in Salt Lake City and I'vest in social services that will help our community and save lives. Sincerely, Jain Willis
6/11/2020 16:17	Lila Leatherman	Hello, My name is Lila Leatherman, and I am a Salt Lake City resident. I am contacting you to demand that, for the 2020-2021 budget, you re-allocate at least \$30 million away from the SLCPD, and toward public services like housing, public transit, and community initiatives. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new officers. Reducing police funding and police presence is critical for keeping our communities safe. I include links to peer-reviewed research below: There is no evidence that body cameras < <a href="https://www.pnas.org/content/116/21/10329.short?rss=1">https://www.pnas.org/content/116/21/10329.short?rss=1</a> > or anti-bias trainings reduce police violence. Instead, Salt Lake should reduce funding to the police, reduce the volume of military weapons distributed to the police < <a href="https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2053168017712885">https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2053168017712885</a> > , and I'vest in community support organizations < <a href="https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0003122417736289">https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0003122417736289</a> > like our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers. Over the last week, I have never felt less safe in our city than when police in riot gear and military were deployed to our streets and skies. We need to meet demands for change not with increased violence and policing, but with tangible financial I'vestment in the communities that we claim to want to support. We need to provide concrete and significant monetary support to the systems that uplift our citizens, not the ones that incarcerate them. Sincerely, Lila Leatherman

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6/11/2020 16:17	Manuela Herrera	I am a resident of district 50. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Maria Herrera
6/11/2020 16:26	Mariah Adams	Hello, My name is Mariah Adams and I am a resident in Salt Lake City.. I'm emailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least 30 million and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the Mayor, Erin Mendenhall, maintains a zero hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've the funds are better spent elsewhere, such as education, housing, transportation, healthcare and addressing the growing homeless population in our city. I hope you I'vest 30 million wisely looking towards a safer and brighter future for your constituents.
6/11/2020 16:26	Mariah Adams	Hello, My name is Mariah Adams and I am a resident in Salt Lake City, in fact I live across from the Capitol. I'm emailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least 30 million and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the Mayor, Erin Mendenhall, maintains a zero hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've the funds are better spent elsewhere, such as education, housing, transportation, healthcare and addressing the growing homeless population in our city. I hope you I'vest 30 million wisely looking towards a safer and brighter future for your constituents.

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6/11/2020 16:29	Marissa Moran	Hello, My name is Marissa Moran and I am resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe we can make real change in community organizations that need more financial assistance and be able to focus on money given to the SLCPD on items that truly matter such as more extensive training, requirement of body cameras, and improved leadership. I hope instead, you have \$30 million in organizations such as those to advance people of color, increase community engagement, and schools that serve low economic families. Sincerely, Marissa Moran
6/11/2020 16:32	Martha Castillo	I am a resident of District 3. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Martha Castillo

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6/11/2020 16:17	Katie Warner	<p>Ms. Fowler, I have heard much about defunding the SLCPD. I urge you to vote against defunding the police. Addressing such a significant issue rashly is not the right solution. Citizens are calling for reform, but they still expect the same level of protection from the police. Less funding means less peace and safety. I admire our police department. During the protests/rioting, they maintained their patient composure during extreme heat, abusive language, and violence. Yes, the SLCPD officers have shot and killed people, sometimes in the back, but, they are almost always justified. Police officers are there to protect everyone and when someone threatens that peace and safety of other citizens, the police instruct that person on how to submit peacefully in order to avoid any further violence. When perpetrators or alleged perpetrators do not comply to these instructions, they are usually repeated again and again. When the perpetrator continues to disobey, there are physical consequences. When the perpetrator has a gun or is seen reaching on his body to where there could be a gun, such as a belt, the perpetrator will most likely be shot and killed. Citizens are outraged when someone is shot and killed by the police, but they would be equally outraged if the police let a dangerous perpetrator alone and that person killed someone else. Police officers are in a catch-22 where nothing they do is right, and so they are labeled monsters. I am also concerned replacement programs will not exceed the efficacy of the SLCPD in the proposed situations. If new programs are required, it may take too long to have them functional, efficient, and effective. If these new programs are less effective than the SLCPD, it would be difficult to return to the current SLCPD program, wasting money in the long-run. Will you please send me the proposal for the defunding/reallocation of money? Also, will you please send me information about what programs are designated to fulfill the necessary functions of peace and safety that will no longer be under the jurisdiction of the SLCPD and how these programs will be implemented to make sure that it covers everything the police would no longer be in charge of? If, after reading these materials, I change my mind about keeping the SLCPD fully funded, I will let you know. Thank you for your service for this community,</p>
6/11/2020 16:18	Jeddah Carrell	<p>I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jeddah Carrell</p>

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6/11/2020 16:24	Florence Doval	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Florence Doval Salt Lake City, UT
6/11/2020 16:21	Jeni Booth	Good afternoon! I am writing you today to let my voice be heard. There is a lot of talk about defunding the police or getting rid of them all together. I do NOT bell've this is a good idea. 1: if you defund you will lose the good officers, you will not have the funds to do proper training and or to make the changes needed. 2: you disband them all together the city will go to crazy town. Who will be there to help when a child goes missing? Who will be there with someone was rapped? Who will be there when someones home is being broken into? The list goes on and on. Does there need to be change YES but this is not the way. I am begging you PLEASE think it all the way though. I know many officers and they aren't a cop for the money or to be a racists. They are because they want to help people, they want to make a difference. Thank you for your time in this matter and to read my email. Again PLEASE do the right thing, don't do anything just off of pressure and emotion. Sincerely, Jeni Booth

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6/11/2020 16:19	Cassady Croft	I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utah's during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.
6/11/2020 16:19	Jeff Schmidt	Greetings, I'm sure this is not the first email you've received on this subject, and it likely won't be the last. But as a home owner in District 6, I'd like to express my support of the burgeoning movement to defund the Salt Lake City Police Department. Please note that this is not an absolutist call for abolishment, but rather a substantial re-appropriation of budgetary funds to better serve community programs and to create greater opportunity for Salt Lake city's underserved, and disproportionately harassed, BIPOC communities. I sincerely hope that you're listening, and moreover, that you're inspired to act boldly. This is why my family voted for you. don't let us down. Jeffrey Schmidt
6/11/2020 16:19	Ben Udy	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I bell've this to be an important and neccesary change due to the many unjust interactions I have had with police officers whilst doing completely legal activities as wellas the many lives lost in recent years from police brutality. Our police department has proven themselves to be abusive of the power they are given and I do not bell've they are deserving of that much funding whatsoever. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million into education, healthcare or our drug addiction and homelessness issues. You could make a huge difference in countless peoples lives with that money and I truly hope to see it put to good use
6/11/2020 16:20	Amber Thomas	To Whom It May Concern, Defunding the Salt Lake City Police Department would be a mistake! We can't let the voice of a few ruin it for the rest of us. Our police force put their lives on the line with little in return anyway. There are more good men and women serving our city, county, country and keeping our freedoms as well as liberty safe. Please look at all the good they do and consider other areas that are completely of waste. Consider drug and alcohol testing for state and city welfare programs. We NEED our men and women in Blue!!



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6/11/2020 16:20	Marcus Johnson	<p>Dear Council'members, I first want to thank you for the service you provide to the community. it's a thankless job in which you will always have half the people disagreeing with you. Obviously, there is a lot of emotion around the police in general due to recent events. There is also a movement around defunding police. I am not law enforcement, although I am a staunch supporter of the good guys/gals in blue. It would be absolute chaos in our society if we did not have the law enforcement we have, and we live in a relatively quiet/safe place?for now. I would strongly advise against any kind of defunding/reduction in funding for our police force. These amazing people are already underpaid and undertrained. If you have never been on a ride-along with an officer for an entire shift, I would HIGHLY recommend it. this will give you insight and perspective into how tough (and rewarding) it really is to be a cop. I would also strongly encourage officers to have an increased (and paid) regular training in non-weapons tactics, compliance or what?s called arrest control techniques. I am a practitioner (for 10 years) of a martial art called Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, it has been effectively demonstrated that this art, when utilized by law enforcement, reduces incidents and injury to both the suspect and the officer. But, this type of training takes time and money for the officers to become proficient at it. A few hours in the academy is nowhere near sufficient. All the officers have to rely on is baton, taser, gun. By adding this type of training, it will enhance and improve the relations and interactions officers have with the public. As of right now, any officer that wishes to engage in this type of training has to spend their own time and own money to do it. That is a challenge for an already underpaid officer who is looking for overtime to make more money. If you don't feel this type of training is necessary, I would invite you to spend 2 minutes on the mats with a non-compliant (actor) suspect. Again, I'm grateful for all that you as I know you have tough choices to make. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have but please, DO NOT reduce any funding for our officers?they need it! Thank you for reading this! Marcus Johnson</p>

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6/11/2020 16:27	Ll'm Perri-Reichert	<p>Hello, My name is Ll'm Perri-Reichert. I am a Salt Lake City resident and I will be beginning my Master's degree in Philosophy this fall at the University of Utah. I am emailing you to ask that you defund the police for the 2020-2021 fiscal budget, not only because of what has happened around the country already, but because of the risk for our future?our community's future?should we not do so. There are two alternatives that this moment in American history can bring about, and which one occurs will be the result of the decisions we and our leadership makes in the coming months: Those alternatives are either that things get better, or we descend into actual fascl'm. When I say fascl'm, I'mean the effective annihilation of our rights, both human and civil. You may think that this is paranoid or overblown, but consider the following. If we do not hold police accountable for their past actions and their recent actions against protestors, we will be sending them the message that they are, unquestionably, free to do what they please. They can attack anyone they want, and justify it with the mere words "they felt threatened." They can seize any property, silence any voice, and disrupt any activity that they choose. The police will know this without a doubt because if they can get away with it now, they can get away with it always. It is not enough to make the police promise that they will do better. It is not enough to enhance the screening for new police officers, or send them to better training, or ask them to l'vestigate themselves better: These are all fine suggestions on the surface, but they are meaningless without one thing, accountability. Without accountability, we are left with the mere hope that they will behave themselves. But with such a position of responsibility, such a position of power, it is dangerous, irresponsible, and foolish to rely on mere hope. The other alternative is that things get better. I do not pretend to know exactly what this looks like or what will need to be enacted to make sure it happens, other than that the police must be reeled in. If we want things to get better, however, I do know that we have to listen to one another; listen to the Black community, listen to the Latino community, to the poor and marginalized. Please, defund the police; l'vest in communities, and services that do not rely on force to produce results. I have faith in you. You did not run as wartime candidates, I understand, but the war has been brought to all of us. Rights and laws are only as strong as they can be enforced, and right now that ability is being threatened. Your constituent and friend, Ll'm Perri-Reichert</p>
6/11/2020 16:28	Lillian Doerner	<p>Hello, My name is Lillian Doerner and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in education, healthcare, parks and recreation, and support in public land movements. Sincerely, Lillian Doerner Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/11/2020 16:34	Lindsay Clinger	Hello, My name is Lindsay Clinger and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because it has been made very clear as of recent that the police have gotten away with too much power and protection for too long. Its time to defund this organization and allocate that money toward something that will improve our tomorrow. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million, or at least part of it into criminal rehabilitation. I am a survivor of domestic abuse. To this day I fear my abuser , who spent only 6 months in jail despite nearly ending my life, showing up to hurt me again. Because a few times before that I'd seen him go through parole for the same thing, I know it did nothing to change him and I've lost faith in the rehabilitating power of our criminal justice system. I would love to live in a world where girls like me can have confidence in our justice system that it will change the attitudes of those who hurt us and prevent re-offenders. Sincerely, Lindsay Clinger Lindsay Clinger
6/11/2020 16:20	Lisa Wilson	I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Lisa Wilson

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6/11/2020 16:21	Maren Moffatt	I do not see the values that I and my generation hold found in the budget for our city. The proposed budget for the police department would be raised \$9 million to \$84 million total. The idea of defunding the police is not savage and it is not radical. Allocating at least \$30 million to other community resources would show that our leaders truly care about the wellbeing of their community, especially minorities. Police officers currently wear too many hats: ?criminal I'vestigator, first aid provider, social worker, crisis intervener, family counselor, youth mentor and peacemaker? (Tennessee Supreme Court, 2016). Unfortunately they are qualified to be very few of these, especially considering that their training in SLC only lasts 20 weeks. To be a licensed social worker here requires a bachelors, a masters, and two semesters of an MSW program. Why are you entrusting such important roles to such under qualified people? How can you expect them to be peacemakers when everything about their uniform and training is based on violence? When they show up to riots so ready to play their real-life video game that they hop out of their van in downtown salt lake and throw an elderly citizen to the ground out of excitement? These are not isolated bad apples. The police system in this country was built to rot these apples. Not only is it unfair to the citizens being affected but it is unfair to the police officers for expecting so much from them. The role of the police should be a sliver of what they play now. If we were to actually I'vest in those previously mentioned roles, as well as I'vesting in targeting inequality at its root through improving homelessness, education, etc., Salt Lake City could thrive. Where you spend our money shows us what and who you care about. Sincerely, Maren
6/11/2020 16:25	Margaret Regier	Hi Darin, I'm reaching out as your constituent to identify your position regarding moving forward with policereform. I?d like to know what your plans are moving forward to addressing police brutality and increased militarization. I recognize that you are in a difficult position with the state, and radical changes could result in power being taken from you. However, I want to argue it is the best move. Taking a bold step to defund police and focus our efforts on healthy communities would show residents that you?re committed to building a better salt lake. If the state takes away your power, the protests and the arguments will move to state legislators. If nothing else, radical change shows your residents where you stand. Best, Maggie Regier -- Maggie Regier Please disregard any errors as this was sent on my mobile device.

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6/11/2020 16:21	Liz Setterberg	I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Liz Setterberg
6/11/2020 16:22	Dylan Saenz	I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the police brutality has got to end. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million towards minority groups, schools and education, or parks; sometime that can positively effect us all.
6/11/2020 16:22	Luke Garcia	Hello, My name is Luke Garcia and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the increased militarization and power of police has caused increased pain and suffering for marginalized communities who are targeted by the justice system. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in housing and mental health programs. I have volunteered at the 4th street clinic and have witnessed how poor of a housing structure SLC has. Additionally, I wrote my thesis on mental health care and Utah has been consistently in the bottom of all the states in terms of access to mental health care and the overall mental health of its adults. Putting money in places to serve and uplift people is vastly more important than increasing the number and power of a force that could not achI've that change. Sincerely, Luke Garcia
6/11/2020 16:34	Cody Ashdown	I am a resident and student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education.

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6/11/2020 16:25	Lindsey Dunlap	Hello, My name is Lindsey and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in community building, low income housing, green space, and other deescalation strategies. Sincerely, Lindsey Dunlap Lindsey Dunlap
6/11/2020 16:30	Jeanneatte Beal	Hello, My name is Jeannette Beal, and I am a Salt Lake City resident. I am contacting you to demand that, for the 2020-2021 budget, you re-allocate at least \$30 million away from the SLCPD, and toward public services like housing, public transit, and community initiatives. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new officers. Reducing police funding and police presence is critical for keeping our communities safe. I include links to peer-reviewed research below: There is no evidence that body cameras < <a href="https://www.pnas.org/content/116/21/10329.short?rss=1">https://www.pnas.org/content/116/21/10329.short?rss=1</a> > or anti-bias trainings reduce police violence. Instead, Salt Lake should reduce funding to the police, reduce the volume of military weapons distributed to the police < <a href="https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2053168017712885">https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2053168017712885</a> > , and I'vest in community support organizations < <a href="https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0003122417736289">https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0003122417736289</a> > like our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers. Over the last week, I have never felt less safe in our city than when police in riot gear and military were deployed to our streets and skies. We need to meet demands for change not with increased violence and policing, but with tangible financial I'vestment in the communities that we claim to want to support. We need to provide concrete and significant monetary support to the systems that uplift our citizens, not the ones that incarcerate them. Sincerely, Jeannette Beal
6/11/2020 16:25	Alfredo Barrera	I am a resident of Salt Lake City- Glendale. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Alfredo Barrera

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6/11/2020 16:32	Katy Kem	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,
6/11/2020 16:25	Lucy Le Bohec	Hello, My name is Lucy Le Bohec, I am a Salt lake City resident and I am contacting you to demand that Salt Lake City cut the funding of the SLC police department by at least 30 million dollars before Tuesday's vote. These funds need to be reallocated to community-building programs such as education and social services. There also must be a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout this year as the city needs to take a step back and reassess it's approach to public safety. No one should be afraid or at risk when interacting with public services such as the police. And as long as people continue to experience brutality, fear and unjust treatment of any kind, we cannot continue to support and fund the organization responsible. Thank you for your time, Lucy Le Bohec
6/11/2020 16:25	Breanna Bailey	and I am a business owner in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there are so many other ways to help our community. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in helping children, health care, aiding poor families and helping students!



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6/11/2020 16:29	Lindsey Painter	Hello, My name is Lindsey Painter and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. Before Tuesday's vote, the city needs to make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I'd request the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because continuing to fund law enforcement is treating the symptoms instead of the virus itself. We must use our budget to address issues that contribute to SLC's rates of crime, especially agencies of civic support, such as transitional housing, local small business grants, and social service agencies that address the mental and physical health of our people. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in resources that support and uplift our diverse groups of individuals of different race, color, and socioeconomic status. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Lindsey Painter
6/10/2020 15:08	Brennan Jones	Hello, My name is Brennan Jones and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the dramatic militarization of our police force over the past 20 years has no place in serving and Protecting our community. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in education, community counseling, and accessible and affordable housing. Sincerely, Brennan Jones Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 16:03	Alyson Genovese	The budget process is a huge opportunity to rethink police budgets and reallocate those dollars towards community programs/education/health services that can help prevent the need for police action. I realize this is not possible overnight, but we can start how we intend to go on. Please consider at least a 20% cut to police.

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6/11/2020 14:32	Lea Lazaris	<p>I am a resident of District 24. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Lea Lazaris</p>

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6/11/2020 14:41	Nicole Larsen	Hello, My name is Nicole Larsen I am a resident in salt lake. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because as a school teacher I want to make sure that the families of salt lake feel safe and cared for. I instead hope you I'vest 30 million in Education. Thank you so much for your time! Nicole Larsen
6/10/2020 16:16	David Duarte	Hello, My name is David Duarte and I work in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've it's time to think outside of the traditional policing structure rooted in historical rac'l'm and find a solution that works for SLC. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in mental health resources, homeless outreach, and community development. Sincerely, David Duarte

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6/10/2020 16:15	Ashley Peterson	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ashley Peterson
6/10/2020 16:17	Mark Baker	Hello, My name is Mark Baker and I am a resident and community member in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there is no need to fund police more than education in this country and the militarization of police in this country scares me. I hope instead, you use this 30 Million dollars to fund education programs, after school programs, and parks and recreations for the youth. Sincerely, Mark Baker

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6/10/2020 16:27	Elayne Pereira	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, UT. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, ELAYNE PEREIRA
6/11/2020 15:24	Nicole Benson	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Nicole Benson

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6/11/2020 15:30	Noah Miterko	Good Afternoon Councilperson Valdemoros, I hope you're doing well during these hard times. I am reaching out to you concerning the Salt Lake City Police Department's budget for 2020-2021. Police Departments across the country have shown themselves incapable of accountability and guilty of gross miscarriages of justice. As are many Salt Lake City residents, my frustration and concern with our local police department has reached a breaking point. it seems piecemeal reforms are not effective, so reigning in the budget must be the route. I am emailing to ask three considerations for the upcoming year. 1. Maintain a hiring freeze on SLCPD throughout the fiscal year. 2. Decrease the SLCPD budget by \$30 million in response to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 3. I've invested in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black Indigenous, Latinx and queer communities. Thanks again for your hard work representing Salt Lake's 4th District and best of luck to you in your first full term. Kind Regards, Noah Miterko
6/10/2020 16:59	Grace Hunt	Hello, I am writing to you to request that you reduce the police department budget by at least 30 million dollars, or even consider dismantling the police department and replacing it with multiple smaller organizations that cater to the specific needs of the city, such as traffic enforcement, mental health crisis, etc. If you choose to reduce their funding, I support I've invested it into housing and/or transportation and/or other social programs. The police force is overfunded, over-armed, and unjust. They do not protect their constituents, and their show of force in response to these protests highlights that. Thank you for your time and consideration.
6/10/2020 17:06	Tatiana Subbotin	Hello, My name is Tatiana Subbotin and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because these dollars come from us, the taxpayers and we see fit a different approach to policing. We also see that there are many better ways to utilize those funds for our community ? education and mental healthcare services being in the forefront of those. I hope instead, you I've invested \$30 million in mental health services, education and our teachers, and the many other community based organizations that are doing the actual ground work to make this community a better place. Sincerely, Tatiana Subbotin

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6/10/2020 17:11	Yutzil Roman	I am a resident of the 4th Utah District. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Yutzil Roman
6/11/2020 16:06	Aubrey Peterson	I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into services that could be beneficial for our community, such as mental health professionals, social work, teaching, health care workers and etc. These careers are in much more need of funding than the police force.



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6/10/2020 17:13	Trey Tuitau	Hello, My name is Trey Tuitau and I am a freelance performer Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in educational services and art programs that can benefit our youth?s livelihood and growth in our community. Sincerely, Trey Tuitau
6/10/2020 17:14	CLAIRE SIMPSON	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, I live and work near downtown, and I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. Utah has passed numerous bills designed to reduce police violence and introduce more transparency, however as is evident by the continued acts of unnecessary violence committed by police officers in Salt Lake, especially toward Black people, these are simply not enough. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing - education, the creation of new green jobs, improved social services and additional resources for people experiencing homelessness, the dl'mantality of racial inequality - rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Lets address the root cause of socioeconomic inequality rather than waiting to deal with the criminal consequences. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. I recognize that it will take time to figure out how to fully enact this change, but I entreat SLC leaders to commit to making a real change now. With the #8CantWait campaign ( <a href="https://8cantwait.org/">https://8cantwait.org/</a> ), Campaign Zero lays out policies (backed by research and data) that cities can'take to eradicate police violence, ranging from l'mediate actions that SLCPD and policy makers can'take (de-prioritizing and ultimately decriminalizing small-scale crimes) to defunding the police. These actions better serve the people than does our current system of policing and criminal justice, shifting the focus to rehabilitative measures and restorative justice. While Utah has taken legislative action in some productive ways over the past few years, there is much more work to be done and reducing the police budget and rel'vesting in underserved communities is one step. Support your historically underserved populations, support Black people, create a community in which everyone feels safe. Thank you for your time, Claire Simpson

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6/11/2020 14:13	Rylie Horiuchi	Hello, My name is Rylie. I am a resident of Salt Lake City, UT and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of our city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for our community, and to drastically minimize spending on Police. It is unconscionable that 1/3 to 1/2 of the city's budget is going to the police department. This does not align with the values that I have as your constituent and I demand that you and other city officials work together to draft and approve a budget that diverts funds from the police department and reallocates them directly to benefit those in need. Defunding the police and restructuring the budget is an absolute necessity now more than ever. Police perpetuate a pattern of excessive violence and force, especially directed towards Black People and their communities. The police refuse to hold their own accountable and this is unacceptable. We are in the middle of a global pandemic that has killed 100,000 Americans and more than 40 million people have filed for unemployment. Healthcare workers are without proper equipment and essential workers are not being fairly compensated or protected for the great work they do. We don't need more police, we need more social safety nets. Funds intended for police would be better off being sorted to initiatives that Enrich our public schools and students Provide more affordable housing and mental health care initiatives Protect and bolster our parks Support small businesses struggling due to COVID-19 Provide cheaper and cleaner modes of public transportation Our nation is grieving the deaths of Black Americans that were murdered at the hands of police officers who have yet to be held accountable. While the police department has more funding than it knows what to do with, we have communities who desperately need funding and every day they don't receive it their quality of life worsens. Thousands have died who did not need to. You have the ability to change this, so do it. Sincerely, Rylie
6/10/2020 17:28	Chanele Eichbauer	Hello, My name is Chanele Eichbauer and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I care about all human beings and I am against police brutality. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in social services and education. Sincerely, Chanele Eichbauer Sent from my iPhone
6/10/2020 17:43	Richard A Mottes	Dear Council Members: In order to better suit the needs of Salt Lake City, I am writing to express my fl'm support for -and beg your courage in- transitionally reallocating funds from current law enforcement budgets to new and expanded social services -culminating in the complete disbandment of the existing police force in the earliest feasible timeframe. In this time of self/social-reflection, we must ask ourselves what we value as a community, and why re-envisioning and altering how we function is seemingly discouraged. Give the good apples a place away from bad ones, and you stop the spread of rot. There have been a number of models regarding how to accomplish the demilitarization and defunding of the police, while maintaining services. Now is the time to be a forward thinker, and not get stuck on ?That?s the way we have always done it?. A society should be judged based on the treatment of its most vulnerable members. Our system is frequently used as a tool of raci'm and results in POCs? social vulnerability -particularly queer/trans individuals. If you are unable or unwilling to see that, then you are not part of the future, but of the past. Moments like these can cement your legacy; but more importantly, they can result in actual improvements in the lives of our fellow humans who have and are suffering. Sincerely, Richard A Mottes 565 s 800 e "Let us seek learning as the avenue for self-development, not as a tool for making money only." - Simon A Dolgin

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6/11/2020 14:13	Sam Fowers	Please do NOT defund the SLCPD! They need raises! They go out every day and put themselves in harm?s way! We need the streets of Salt Lake to stay safe and peaceful. I implore you to not take this punitive drastic step. Thank you, Sam Fowers
6/11/2020 14:52	Lauren Sanders	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Lauren Sanders
6/11/2020 14:48	Lacy Chun	My name is Lacey Chun. I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Lacey Chun

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6/10/2020 18:42	Bobbi Thomas	Hello, My name is Bobbi Thomas and I am a Pre-K teacher on the SLC School district, Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the current system isn't working. Let's try something new. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, social services, quality Preschools, affordable housing. Sincerely, Bobbi Joe Thomas Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android < <a href="https://go.onelink.me/107872968?pid=InProduct&amp;c=Global_Internal_YGrowth_AndroidEmailSig__AndroidUsers&amp;af_wl=ym&amp;af_sub1=Internal&amp;af_sub2=Global_YGrowth&amp;af_sub3=EmailSignature">https://go.onelink.me/107872968?pid=InProduct&amp;c=Global_Internal_YGrowth_AndroidEmailSig__AndroidUsers&amp;af_wl=ym&amp;af_sub1=Internal&amp;af_sub2=Global_YGrowth&amp;af_sub3=EmailSignature</a> >
6/10/2020 18:44	John Connell II	Hello, My name is John Connell and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, homelessness, transportation, parks and recreation, and live music/social activities Sincerely, John Connell Sent from my iPhone

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6/11/2020 0:38	AIMEE BURROWS	<p>I am absolutely heartbroken and so angry about the cold-blooded murder of George Floyd by the Minneapolis Police. I am really upset about the killing of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal at the hands of the Salt Lake City Police last month. The killings of Darrien Hunt and Danielle Willard by Utah police have bothered me for years because it seemed like lethal force just wasn't necessary, and there was no justice for them. I've listened to so many more stories about police brutality, in Salt Lake City and around the country. I'm tired of the lack of justice for these offensive behaviors, when the bad actors are not called out by their colleagues, their superiors, the district attorneys, when disciplinary records are hidden by police unions, etc. My experience with the SLC Police has been good, like really good. I have particularly found Detective Meinzer and Sergeant Wolf to be responsive, respectful, professional and a great asset to our neighborhood. Chief Brown seems earnest and level-headed. BUT.... That said, I hear about other People's stories (and by now, seen too many videos) that describe racism, prejudice, cruel thoughtlessness from police and I BELIEVE THEM. And I absolutely think you should be driven to act based on those testimonies. Some People say, and I agree, that police are asked to do too much. Maybe this is why they are failing at solving the problems. So maybe defunding the existing structure IS the answer. Can we spend less on a city army and more on mental health crisis teams? Can we move more people into housing so there are fewer contacts between law enforcement and people on the street? How about if we abolish the "War on Drugs", use some policing funds to treat addiction as the medical problem it is, and stop mass incarceration? Should we have highly trained teams to address domestic disputes? What if we had traffic enforcers and vehicle accident response teams? Would it be way better to spend more money on education than to teach chokeholds and marksmanship in POST? Can we train and hire investigators to solve crimes instead of asking one armed force to do that? Should we have unarmed crowd control for parades, protests, etc? Should we be able to call 911 and ask for fire, ambulance, emergency or mental health assistance? I'm desperate for the bad outcomes of our current system to stop. reforms and retraining and the like have gotten us to where we are today, where no one is happy and a portion of the community is in real danger, and that's unacceptable. Obviously I'm not an expert, and I hope you'll prioritize the voices of the communities that have lost the most in the history of policing here. I encourage you to listen to the people who are experts on the experience of BIPOC in our community and engage the people who can describe alternative systems and organization to achieve community safety? I've heard that "it's not as bad here as other places" and I'll never really think that's a compliment, but maybe SLC should try to be a better example to the state and the country by taking this opportunity to make significant changes to address shortfalls and harms caused by our system of policing. Thank you, Aimee Burrows</p> <p>Chair of East Bench Community Council, speaking personally</p>

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6/10/2020 19:16	Josh Alexander	I am a resident of Salt lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Josh Alexander
6/11/2020 16:10	BRUCE WOOLSTENHULME	The work of the police department and the City is appreciated as we all move toward a world where all are treated equal. I applaud the effort of those who are undertaking concrete, meaningful activities in that direction. While I clearly understand the place for peaceful protest and the freedom of expression, I am saddened that many of what can be termed "the walkathon generation" bell've that simply marching around with signs day after day is a truly useful and effective use of time. We have raised a generation that somehow bell'ves that walking or marching raises money or initiates change magically. If only the millions of manhours that have been expended in this manner in our country over the past weeks could have been used in writing to our lawmakers to advocate change and/or providing service to those in need in neighborhoods and communities, I bell've that the message would have been much more clear and effective. All need to understand that significant community resources continue to be expended in accommodation of those protesting (in reality a very small percentage of our community). These expended resources are lost and not available to the community as a whole. Law enforcement officers that are consumed by the support of efforts associated with the protests are not available to deal with their normal community support duties....support associated with other equally or more important events has not been available because of the ongoing protests. I know first-hand that incidents of burglary, looting, domestic abuse, l'vestigation of auto accidents, etc, etc have not been addressed or dealt with in a prompt manner because our law enforcement officers were otherwise tied up with the protest. We are all citizens of this City...while the current protests are in support of a worthy cause, we need to support the entire City and it's need and not ignore these needs just so the select few can continue march on day after day. I appreciate the consideration of the City Council and Mayor in this regard.

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6/10/2020 23:50	Valerie Valencia	My name is Valerie Valencia and I'm writing to you about the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I urge you to not cut the police budget based on recent events where the outcome of the investigation is still pending. The SLC police department needs to be a part of the solution and all voices need to be heard before making a decision that would have lasting negative impact on the community. There are programs that should be implemented in Salt Lake City to help serve the citizens better, and the police department is one of the groups that understands that need as they deal with those that need the most help on a daily basis. SLCPD should be a part of criminal justice reform to ensure all citizens feel safe in their presence. This can be accomplished by having open and honest dialog while preserving the department's ability to protect the citizens of Salt Lake. All citizens deserve respect and dignity while interacting with officers. The future holds many tough conversations but these discussions will bring about positive change as all sides promise to do a better job of representing the values that make Utah an even better place to live.
6/10/2020 23:54	Naomi Gundersen	Why?? If they do not have the funding they do not get the proper training! If they do not have the funding they will not be at the protest, city activities, fairs, parades etc. If they do not have the funding and they make less money how in the world do you think that we will get better police officers. As it is now it is hard to hire police. If they need more training give it to them. Lead and guide them. But do not take it away. Can you imagine if the police went on a protest, or a strike for 48 hours. Do we need them yes! If that happened many citizens would die in the 48 hours. Car crashes, domestic violence, armed robbery, health conditions, rape, someone might actually go through with the suicide that an officer could have talked them out of. Please do not defund. Officers are not all good I can agree with that, if they make a bad judgement call should they be punished for it yes they should.
6/11/2020 7:50	angelina atkinson	I am grateful we have police officers. I am grateful there are people willing to put their life on the line everyday so that I can drive on the roads without chaos and that I feel relatively safe in my home. I get that people right now are concerned over police brutality. I feel the crucial piece that is missing in all of these conversations is, if you don't want police brutality keep the laws! please do not defund the police. can you imagine the chaos that would reign? can you imagine how many neighbors would shoot each other because of loud music playing or some other dispute, because there is no police officer to bring you in? can you imagine if your child was kidnapped? who would be there to help? can you imagine, if heaven forbid, someone came to a school to shoot kids? what would happen then? we need our police officers. we need to support them and give them the tools and training they need to do their jobs properly. thank you.
6/11/2020 8:00	melissa Collings	Please do not only listen to the ones who are protesting. This is not what the majority of the people want or need. We need our good police men and women to protect all of our freedoms. Freedom is not free! Please listen to the wise words of our founding fathers; The ordaining of laws in favor of one part of the nation, to the prejudice and oppression of another, is certainly the most erroneous and mistaken policy. An equal dispensation of protection, rights, privileges and advantages is what every part is entitled to and ought to enjoy... Benjamin Franklin 1774



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6/11/2020 16:00	Lydia Barnum	Hello, My name is Lydia Barnum and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've that there are communities in Salt Lake City that could use the funds more, specifically communities that are prominently made up of people of color. As well as hospitals in light of the Covid-19 situation. Sincerely, Lydia Barnum Sent from my iPhone

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6/11/2020 16:26	Elizabeth Rennaker	I am a resident of the Sugarhouse area. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, [Elizabeth Rennaker]
6/11/2020 16:27	Luca Liechty	Hi, My name is Luca Liechty, and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am calling in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I'm aware that nearly \$85 million of our taxpayer money is being funneled to the SLCPD. I demand that the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget for 2020-2021, a MINIMUM of \$30 million. This money should be allocated to emergency housing for the most vulnerable of our community. This money should be allocated to public transportation to allow more freedom for residents to travel without being reliant on a car. I also DEMAND that the mayor commit to and maintain a HIRING FREEZE for SLCPD for the entire fiscal year. This is important to me because I understand what it feels like to be hungry, and afraid, and alone. I watch the homeless be harassed day-in and day-out by SLCPD. My friends understand what it feels like to be harassed and brutalized by police who get to go home to a warm bed while they cry in pain sleeping on the streets. The only reason that that is happening is because YOU, the people in power of these enormous resources, allow it to. Enough is enough. Defund the police. Fund the community. Sincerely, Luca Liechty
6/11/2020 8:42	Logan Hall	Dear Council Member Rogers, I implore you to use every means at your disposal to combat police brutality and raci'l'm in Salt Lake City. I stand with the teeming masses yearning to be free of police brutality and raci'l'm. I support you as you work to achI've these goals so our city can be a safe, welcoming, and equal place for all free from police brutality and raci'l'm. Respectfully yours, Logan Hall Rose Park, Salt Lake City, Utah
6/11/2020 9:04	Kathryn Shulz	Hello, My name is Kathryn Shulz and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am heartbroken that our officers don't really protect and serve us. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in feeding and shelter for homeless people in Salt Lake City.

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6/11/2020 9:22	Katie Speed	Hello, I am a resident of and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we have seen firsthand how the measures previously taken have not worked. It is time to do something different. Please, choose the right side of history. We are counting on you. I hope instead of the police, you I'vest \$30 million in public schools and disenfranchised communities in SLC.
6/11/2020 9:25	Katie Speed	Hello, I am a resident of and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we have seen firsthand how the measures previously taken have not worked. It is time to do something different. Please, choose the right side of history. We are counting on you. I hope instead of the police, you I'vest \$30 million in public schools and disenfranchised communities in SLC.
6/11/2020 15:20	Niki Crabtree	Hello, My name is Niki Crabtree and I am a student and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the SLCPD does not need that kind of funding when other sections of our state budget are being slashed to ribbons, and when SLCPD is actively working against the very citizens it claims to protect. They have escalated the protests downtown and committed incredibly violent acts against peaceful protestors and disproportionately against BIPOC and they do NOT DESERVE MILLIONS IN STATE DOLLARS. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in social workers, better mental health coverage and access, and school budgets. Sincerely, Niki Crabtree
6/11/2020 15:14	Nicole Syme	Hello, My name is Nicole and I am a Resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million to our schools. Sincerely, Nicole Syme

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6/11/2020 16:03	Lindsey Morrill	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Please help make our communities safer. Thank you for your time, Lindsey Morrill
6/11/2020 16:15	Luisa Botchway	Hello, My name is LUISA BOTCHWAY and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because [INSERT WHATS IMPORTANT TO YOU OR DELETE SENTENCE]. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in more title 1 schools. There is a lack of attention to these children that were born in systemic racI'm, and need more support from the state. And with this change, Utah can'take racI'm on and destroy it. Sincerely, Luisa Botchway Sent from my iPhone

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6/11/2020 16:18	Mikah Lindquist	<p>To Whom It May Concern: I have been a police officer in the Salt Lake City Police Department for almost 8 years now. I have a wife and four children. I cannot speak for others in the department. This is my opinion alone. I want to make clear the consequences of the decisions you have made and will be making in the near future as it relates to me and my family. I bell've with all my heart that what I have been doing these last 8 years is just as much service to my country as a veteran in military service. I have put myself in harm?s way to protect the citizens and their property in Salt Lake City. I have had numerous letters of accommodation and was awarded the Police Meritorious service Medal by the Mayor. I have loved serving this city. My wife and children know I love serving this city. Before working for SLCPD I worked as a manager at a private business. My job was to motivate 15-25 employees to improve both their quality of product and the quantity. One of the major lessons that I came away with is that careers like law enforcement have a unique gift. Many of those who enter law enforcement do so because they have a strong desire to serve their country. Many are former military and the love of country runs in their veins. The choice of law enforcement comes naturally to them. This profound sense of service is one of the greatest resources law enforcement has and it resonates similarly in other service industries (medical, fire, etc). As a former manager in the private sector I would have loved to have such an almost limitless resource. I have watched in the last weeks as Officers have been under enormous strain due to the protests and have, by and large, acted in a way that is disciplined, restrained and deserving of our highest respect. They have worked many hours only to be berated and torn down. The city of Salt Lake has this resource and it is squandering it. This resource is being thrown away. I bell've that all men were created equal. I bell've this means that raci'm and bigotry in all its forms are wrong. 1 of 2 *Continued Below*</p>

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6/11/2020 16:18	Mikah Lindquist	<p>2 of 2 *Continued Above* My parents taught me this and my wife and I strive to instill this in our children by word and action. I have told my family if the time ever comes when I bell've that my safety is being regularly and consistently put into jeopardy by the neglect of this city then the time has come for me to choose a different career. I am not nor will I ever be ashamed of my work or many of the fine, upstanding officers I have had the honor to work with. I will say without hesitation that I love them and am proud to be counted as one of them. If the rumor to defund the police department is true, I am ashamed for the politicians of Salt Lake City. I would expect more from the average citizen. Here is the reality of Salt Lake city'society. The rich predominately white people live on the high east side and the avenues. The poor predominately minorities live on the west side. The Salt Lake City Police Department did not and I did not as an individual create this phenomenon. This is an issue that exists throughout this country with differing minorities. I will hazard a guess that the police departments there did not create the racial divide there either. Why does this exist? This is a question that society must face with the courage that self-reflection and honest introspection requires. The coward?s way out is to find a scape goat instead of requiring change of oneself. The current drive to blame police for racial inequality and injustice is an example of responding to mobocracy. This is in no way akin to the dignified movements inspired by Martin Luther King Jr or Gandhi. These men would not have supported such self-destructive programs. Gandhi supported programs that strengthened individuals, families and villages. The current trend is merely to point out defects in anyone but oneself. The policies that this city'seems to be following will have the following results. 1. It will encourage those who see destruction of property and violence as a perfectly viable means to obtaining political or social change. The leaders that will emerge will not be citizens but individuals who see terror as a perfectly legitimate political tool. 2. The overall quality of officers will diminish dramatically, and the City of Salt Lake will be left with the consequences. You have no one to blame but yourselves. How you have squandered such an almost limitless resource is amazing to me! I look forward to a long career in Salt Lake City and serving the people of Salt Lake with the same integrity and fairness that I have always done. But my family and I need to know that Salt Lake is not a black hole where the safest action is to get away from it. I, like many others, have other options that are much safer and more lucrative. I will support the Union in any actions that they choose to make in this regard. I hope for Salt Lake city's sake you make a wiser, more intelligent decision than just a knee jerk reaction to the current trend in politics. Defunding the police department will be detrimental to citizens as a whole and the consequences will cost more to recover than will be gained in the process. That is assuming that the city would ever completely recover from such a decision. Sincerely, Mikah Lindquist</p>
6/11/2020 11:51	Katie Crawford	<p>Hello, My name is Katie Crawford and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because our community deserves to be treated better, especially Black, Indigenous, and other people of color. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education. It only does the community deserve better but so do our teachers. Sincerely, Katie Crawford</p>

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6/11/2020 11:52	Susan Dillon	I am writing in show of support for the Black Lives Movement and their call to action. For all the protestors in the streets everyday and every night, there are many many more of us who would join in with them if it weren't for COVID. This is not a protest of a loud few. There has to be substantial action taken that not only improves the marginalized segments of our city and helps boost and support them in a meaningful way but a move to crack down on the level of police force being used. There has to be an effort to remove problem officers and to keep them off the force. I offer my support in withdrawing funding from other projects that would benefit the more affluent neighborhoods, including my own, if these funds were to be used to help create a more livable and just city for all of its citizens. Understandably, the loss if tax revenue from the impacts of COVID will be substantial but we are counting on you to do the right thing. thank you for your time and service on the council.
6/11/2020 15:35	Wally Cromar	Hi Councilperson Valdemoros, I live in you district and wanted to send a short note to express my disappointment in the way the SLC police department has dealt with the people of color within our community. I agree with the calls of many people within the city to slash funding to our police department. I would also strongly encourage that we look for ways to demilitarize our police force. Clearly we are spending too much money on assault type vehicles, swat team budgets, or any number of other heavy handed tools to use against the public. What our community needs is actual solutions to crime. It is time to prop up social programs that intervene earlier and give people a lifeline prior to committing a crime is a much better I'vestment than continuing to look for ways to imprison our community members. People dying at the hands of those meant to protect and serve needs to end. Salt Lake City is a great city full of amazing people that form an amazing community. Let's find some other way we can I'vest in supporting our community. I have read that with budgets due very soon that there is a question of postponing action. don't miss your moment to make a difference. Today is the day for change and I ask you to help our district stand on the right side of history.
6/11/2020 16:23	Katie Webb	Hello, My name is Katie Webb and I am a college student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am working toward a degree in Social Work and we need more emphasis on the importance of drug use as a health crisis. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in our community. Sincerely, Katie Webb



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6/11/2020 14:56	Kristine You	Hello, My name is Kristine You and I am a student at the University of Utah. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. Before the final vote, I demand the city cuts the SLCPD's budget by at least 30 million dollars, and reallocate it to community/social services. First, I believe social services do not receive enough funds. Second, I believe investing in these other resources (for the homeless, mental health response team, public school districts, medical access) is more beneficial to the people than investing in the police anyway. This will also reduce the need for the police, which if they exist for the people and protect the people as they say they do, they would be happy with this result. When someone calls the police to respond to instances of a mental health crisis or substance abuse or domestic violence, the police do not have the skills for these situations. Someone I know recently got into an argument with their mother and the police were called. They ended up being detained by ICE for several months separating them from their mother and little brother. We should invest in people that can help in these situations and provide for the community. Lastly, we do not need to invest in more training or tools for the police, years of these efforts have failed clearly in Minneapolis. Although the SLCPD has received awards for these trainings, we can see from the killing of Bernardo Palacios that these trainings are not the solution. It gave me hope to see a few members of the council at the protest on Thursday, I hope their decisions as city council members also stand with their people. Kristine You
6/11/2020 14:33	Lauri' moncur	If you care about human life, decency and freedom, PLEASE DO NOT DEFUND POLICE! Thank you, Lauri' moncur Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 14:43	Larissa Bortz	Hello, My name is Larissa Bortz and I am a student at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe Salt Lake is better than this and it's our duty to ensure the health, safety, and prosperity of all of its residents. No one should be left behind or disproportionately affected. Investing more in police departments does not create safer communities, but investing more in education, organizations, and opportunities does. We have to be better, our future depends on it. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in BIPOC community organizations, creating safe spaces, better education, & housing particularly for people of color. Sincerely, Larissa Bortz
6/11/2020 14:37	Kathleen Anderson	Dear SLC Council Members, As a resident of Salt Lake City, I was distressed to learn today that the SLC Council is considering an action to defund the police. This would be a colossal mistake, and an action I believe the overwhelming majority of SLC residents would oppose. If anything, our police need increased funding to address PTSD, to provide satisfactory riot gear, and perhaps even hazard pay when officers are placed in a riot type situation where their lives are endangered. When rioters are wielding weapons, throwing incendiary devices, overturning police vehicles, and displaying other such violence and lawlessness it becomes akin to a combat zone. I don't know anyone who is okay with racism, abuse of power, or corruption. Defunding the police addresses none of those concerns. It's my position that the unintended consequences of such an action would only exacerbate current problems while creating others. An illogical and emotional reaction from our elected representatives is the last thing we need. I will encourage my friends and neighbors to contact you as well. It is my hope that you will listen to all of your constituents - not just the ones who are loudly protesting and rioting. Sincerely, Kathleen Anderson

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6/11/2020 14:47	Kiley Morgan	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, District 1. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the Salt Lake City Police Department. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the homeless, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Kiley Morgan
6/11/2020 14:46	Kianee DeJesus	I am a resident of district 3. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police as we walk toward a future free from police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black and Brown people, such as Bernardo Palacios. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and the police be abolished. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to Abolish the Police. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. The campaign we need to follow is the 8 to abolition campaign (link here <a href="https://www.8toabolition.com/">https://www.8toabolition.com/</a> ). Each demand is deeply outlined on this website. Here are the demands: 1. 1. Defund the Police 2. 2. Demilitarize Communities 3. 3. Remove Police from Schools 4. 4. Free People from Prisons and Jails 5. 5. Repeal laws that Criminalize Survival 6. 6. Invest in Community Self Governance 7. 7. Provide safe housing for EVERYONE 8. 8. Invest in CARE NOT COPS Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. BLACK LIVES MATTER Urgently, Kianee DeJesus

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6/11/2020 15:45	Whitney Stay	Hello, My name is Whitney Stay and I am a constituent of yours residing in Murray, UT. I am emailing today in regards to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate that money into community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because in light of recent events, it's evident that there needs to be deep and structural changes to our police department and how we I'vest our money into our communities before we can move forward. I hope instead of I'vesting that money into SLCPD you I'vest in our communities. I would love to see this happen by allocating more money to lower income schools and districts, hiring more teachers and giving them raises, giving more money to assist our homeless population, and putting more money into comprehensive drug rehabilitation programs. Thank you for your time!
6/11/2020 14:37	Lacee Jewkes	Hello, My name is Lacee Jewkes and I am a resident and work in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we need to rebuild a broken system and this is a first step in doing so. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education. Sincerely, Lacee Jewkes Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 14:41	Kayla Harris	I am a resident of Salt Lake City District 3 (looking at you Chris Wharton). I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well-documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal < <a href="http://www.slcdocs.com/budget/mayor2021.pdf">http://www.slcdocs.com/budget/mayor2021.pdf</a> > , the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Kayla

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6/11/2020 14:58	Kyra Condie	Hello, My name is Kyra Condie and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the system is broken, and black people are dying because of it. Hispanic people are dying because of it. As a white person with privilege it is my duty as a citizen to do what I can'to help underrepresented groups in this time, and that means facilitating real change in the government, both local and federal. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in community led public safety, education (especially relating to race in elementary/middle schools), and the People'sincerely, Kyra Condie Kyra
6/11/2020 15:53	Leslie B Hernandez	As a mother defunding the police can help contribute to our kids education, minimizing police brutality is a fact that needs to be handled by any means necessary!!! Our children are the future defund the police and find out children and teachers!!!
6/11/2020 15:11	Nora Vartanian	Hello, I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Nora Vartanian Sent from my iPhone

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6/11/2020 15:12	Nickolas Plante	I am a resident of Salt lake county . I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Nick plante
6/11/2020 15:48	Liza Lundgren	Hello Mr. Dugan, I am a constituent of City Council District 6. I am writing to demand that the city council pass a budget that focuses on the well-being of all residents of Salt Lake City and redirects funding away from the police department. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the system violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. In Utah, African Americans comprise just 1.06 percent of the population but they accounted for 10 percent of police killings over the past seven years, a disproportionate rate of 9.21 times. We no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform." We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change can be made to the way the city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. Reallocating the funds from the police budget to support social services such as mental health, affordable housing, access to fresh and healthful food, healthcare, education and substance abuse treatment is vital. I demand that the city council defund SLCPD. I join the calls of those around the country to Defund the Police. The budget must adequately and effectively meet the needs of at-risk and marginalized Utah's and that the budget supports the community's well-being rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. I'vest in people not in policing. Thank you for your time, Liza Lundgren
6/11/2020 16:04	Elizabeth Nakashima	Hello, My name is Elizabeth Nakashima and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we have seen how the police force is simply ineffective at keeping peace. There is a culture of toxic masculinity mixed with racl'm that goes unchecked in our police force, and it needs to stop. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, as Utah is dead last in spending per student. Sincerely, Elizabeth Nakashima Sent by carrier pigeon.

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6/11/2020 16:14	LI'm Hendricks	Hello, My name is LI'm Hendricks and I am a Software Engineer in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've that money could benefit our community in better ways. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in the K-12 education budget. Sincerely, LI'm Hendricks
6/11/2020 16:24	Lucy Allen	Hello, My name is Lucy Allen and I am a student at the University of Utah. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget and consider dl'mantling the police department. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. The taxpayer dollars that are currently funding a violent police force would be better spent on addressing the root issues of crime, such as affordable housing, substance abuse, and education. Thank you for your time. Lucy Allen
6/11/2020 15:24	Rio WI'mer	I am a Salt Lake City resident and I'm calling for defunding the police and using those funds towards community outreach programs. The militarization of our police has to end. Police brutality has to end. The police force needs community oversight. Police infractions need I'vestigated and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. We cannot hold criminals to a higher standard than we do the People'ssworn to protect and serve our community. Do your part to protect our citizens from police brutality
6/11/2020 15:25	Cheri Brisendine	As a citizen of Salt Lake City, I implore you to redirect the 84 million set to fund the police in the 2020-2021 budget to other community programs. In addition to the unknown lasting effects of the current global pandemic, we have an epidemic of homelessness in our community. Instead of over-funding the police, it would mean more to the citizens that the police are meant to protect to see those dollars provide mental health services, education, food, and housing to our neighbors experiencing homelessness and those negatively impacted by economic uncertainty from COVID-19. Our state and local financial priorities should be set on drastically boosting the welfare of the most vulnerable in our community, not aiding those already in positions of power. We demand change.
6/11/2020 15:34	Michelle Sorensen	I am demanding a decrease in the Police budget.

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6/11/2020 15:31	Alejandra Maldonado	<p>To whom it may concern, I am writing to formally voice my opinion to oppose the continued funding of a police force that uses unnecessary excessive force to to brutalize peaceful protesters and deploys "less lethal" weapons against the taxpayers who pay their salaries. They are PUBLIC SERVANTS who are supposed to SERVE and PROTECT the community in which they work. Weapons like rubber bullets and bean bags are being used inappropriately and excessively by the current police force in ways that are endangering public safety. Citizens have been permanently injured and maimed, such as the loss of eyesight from these brutal tactics and methods. In addition, exposure to riot control agents such as chloroacetophenone or chlorobenzylidenemalononitrile, commonly known as tear gas, can have sever toxicological health effects. From the Center for Disease Control's website (<a href="https://emergency.cdc.gov/agent/riotcontrol/factsheet.asp">https://emergency.cdc.gov/agent/riotcontrol/factsheet.asp</a>): Long-lasting exposure or exposure to a large dose of riot control agent, especially in a closed setting, may cause severe effects such as the following: ? Blindness ? Glaucoma (a serious eye condition that can lead to blindness) ? I'mediate death due to severe chemical burns to the throat and lungs ? Respiratory failure possibly resulting in death</p> <p>The use of tear gas has been banned by the Geneva Convention and is therefore illegal in warfare It is inconceivable that is allowed for use on American citizens in a free country. These abuses of power of power are being documented in bystander videos and on live news broadcasts. We the people, will not turn a blind eye to continued abuses of power by an over-weaponized and militarized police force. Until our police force is demilitarized and de-escalates its own capacity for violence, I do not support increased funding for the police force at this time.</p>
6/11/2020 15:26	Graham Pickett	<p>I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racI'm between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dl'missive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place.</p>



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6/11/2020 15:40	Brian Forman	I am a resident of District 5. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time
6/11/2020 15:41	Mackenzie Lynch	Hello, My name is Mackenzie Lynch and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's <x-apple-data-detectors://0> vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because in a state that boasts the best snow on earth and brings in billions in tourI'm revenue and taxes generated by the outdoor industry, we have yet to take care of our own people to an extent that is remotely worth being proud of. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in resources and housing for our growing population experiencing homelessness, evidence- and healthy communication- based sexual education in public schools, and free, qualified mental health counseling in low-income public school districts. Sincerely, Mackenzie Lynch Sent from my iPhone

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6/11/2020 15:51	Madeline Wagner	I am a resident of Draper. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Madeline Wagner
6/11/2020 15:51	Madelyn Strutz	I am a resident of Portland, OR. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,

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6/11/2020 16:05	Makenna Lynch	Hello, My name is Makenna Lynch and I am a Resident of Utah. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the police force is corrupt and our tax money should go towards something actually useful. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education and ensuring the basic needs of our citizens are met. Sincerely, Makenna Lynch Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 16:01	Victoria Peterson	Hello, My name is Victoria Peterson and I am a resident Salt Lake County. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I feel to much money is needlessly allocated to the police. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, homelessness, and public health. These are incredibly under budgeted departments that can help prevent from from evening happening in the first place. I truly hope you help us in this fight against systematic raci'm, and police brutality, and abuse of power. I also recommend you watch the documentary the ?13th?. Sincerely, Victoria Peterson. Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 16:04	Maile Fukushima	Hello, My name is Maile and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because Utah's budget grants an enormous amount of sheer power and authority to the police. In too many situations, we have all seen police officers abuse this power. Instead, I hope you I'vest \$30 million in Utah's public education system. The root cause of many issues such as homelessness and crime is a lack of preliminary and secondary education. Utah has consistently ranked last in per-pupil spending, and we can fix this. Thus, I urge you to adjust the 2020-2021 fiscal budget to accurately reflect Utah's values, aiding children in achieving higher education. Sincerely, Maile
6/11/2020 15:47	Amber Nelson	I am a constituent of yours. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I strongly bell've that we do not need to allocate more money to militazie the SLCPD. This money would be better spent for education, providing services for the homeless, and creating/maintaining mental health services in the city. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Thank you for your time.

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6/11/2020 16:03	Ari Bean	I am a resident of SLC. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. The entire nation is watching, and to live in SLC is downright embarrassing. The violence, and the response to protests against rac'l'm, instigated a more dangerous situation. Police and military forces against our citizens is not protecting or serving, but targeting and endangering and murdering us. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary NOW, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD (you can't be serious) despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. DEFUND THE POLICE. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. The entire nation is watching. Set an example, serve and protect your people... The cops aren't doing that job, and other trained professionals and organizations can, if given the chance and the support. Thank you for your time.
6/11/2020 14:36	Karlee Chl'man	I am a resident of district 2. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Karlee Chl'man

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6/11/2020 15:17	Nancy Wade	I am a resident of Salt lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Nancy Wade
6/11/2020 15:18	Nate Mcquivey	Hello, My name is Nate Mcquivey and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million into bettering the community, social work, education, and low-income housing. Sincerely, Nate Mcquivey Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 15:29	Jeffrey Wang	I am emailing in hopes of requesting a decrease in the Salt Lake City Police?s funding until actionable changes are made to address the abhorrent violence against protestors. A police force?s job is to protect justice and human rights for all, not just the majority. While I know my email is only one of many, I truly hope these are being taken seriously, documented, and utilized as data to prove how importantreforming police policies and norms is to Salt Lake City residents.

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6/11/2020 15:33	Vincent Kerzman	In your posting you were mentioning that the City Council is getting quite a few requests to defund the Salt Lake City Police Department. So I was reviewing the budget for the Salt Lake City Council, what I find interesting is that there is no real detail of the budget by line items. During my tenure in the hotel business, we had a breakdown for each of the categories. This allowed us the opportunity to evaluate where the money was truly being allocated and if we needed go allocated somewhere else. It also kept our departments from hiding funds that needed to be used in other departments. With you being the Chair of the Council, don't you want to know where all of the money is going to be spent? Really bell've that the Salt Lake City Budget really should create a budget packet that offers a detailed line by line of where the money is going and where it is coming from. One major issue is the allocation for dollars for the officers. In most cities, the car privilege is primarily for the Chief of Police, Asst Chief of Police and the management team, not for the patrol. I would be interested in how much is being spent for those cars to go home every night with the officer. The additional coverage in insurance, the wear and tear on the car, possible vandall'm to the car while parking in a non secure area. If that is part of the compensation for the job, there should be a completely separate line under employee compensation. This allows the people of Salt Lake City to see what is being spent and where. This is a business, city government business and the taxpayers should be entitled to see what we are paying for. Looking forward to your response.. Happy Budget Planning, my favorite time of the year!
6/11/2020 15:42	Macy McClellan	I am a resident of Lehi but I just recently lived in Salt Lake City for a few years. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Macy McClellan

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6/11/2020 15:37	Terry Broadbent	<p>Councilman Rogers, I appreciate the service you give and your efforts to keep the community informed about what is happening in Salt Lake City and in city government. We are living in extraordinary times and the impact in our neighborhoods has been profound. Many of my friends and neighbors have been severely hurt by COVID-19 restrictions, job loss and isolation. Some have contracted the virus and been hospitalized. Thank goodness they recovered. The earthquakes were also emotionally devastating to many, especially older widows who live alone. If all that wasn't enough, we witnessed the murder of George Floyd, That was one of the most revolting and horrendous things I've witnessed. Certainly, we need to root out racism in our agencies, communities and personal lives. However, I fear many mischaracterize our city, its citizens, elected officials and workforce. They paint a picture of an entire populace that is racist to the core. We who live on the westside of Salt Lake mingle daily with people of many races, cultures and nationalities. We work with them, go to church with them, laugh with them, we cry with them, and we hurt with them. And we love them. I'm not denying that racism exists, but we live in a community of wonderful people who respect each other unlike some of the protesters and rioters. There are many radical voices being heard right now. Many of the changes being demanded are worthy of discussion and implementation. However, radical and extreme changes such as dismantling the police force or even defunding it are unreasonable and not necessary. Where reform is needed, Let's reform. Where more training is needed, Let's provide it. Let's carefully look at procedures and guidelines to make sure they are equitable and fair. Six members of my family work in law enforcement and have given decades of service. They are good men who take pride in their work. It hurts our family to see them treated shamefully and assaulted by some protesters. They need our support and gratitude right now. Those who assault them should be brought to justice, though I hold out little hope of that happening. Thank you for taking time to read this.</p>
6/11/2020 15:41	Ariel Branden	<p>I am a resident and Physical Therapist in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there are other professionals better equipped to handle some of our city's issues, without the violence that comes from policing. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in mental health services and social services.</p>



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6/11/2020 16:10	Makenna Montano	Hi my name is Makenna Montano, and I am a recent U of U grad and resident of Salt Lake City. I am calling in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. It breaks my heart that \$85 million of our taxpayer money is bleeding through the SLCPD. I demand that the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget for 2020-2021, a MINIMUM of \$30 million. This money should be allocated to emergency housing for the most vulnerable of our community left in the rain. This money should be allocated to public transportation to lower CO2 emissions, and allow more freedom for residents to travel without being reliant on a car. I also DEMAND that the mayor commit to and maintain a HIRING FREEZE for the entire fiscal year. This is important to me because I understand what it feels like to be hungry, and afraid, and alone, jumping from train to bus with hour gaps in their schedules. My friends understand what it feels like to be harassed and brutalized by police who get to go home to a warm bed while they cry in pain sleeping on the streets. The only reason that that is happening is because YOU, the people in power of these enormous resources, allow it to. Enough is enough. Defund the police. Fund the community. Sincerely, Makenna Montano
6/11/2020 16:19	Marcus Cervantez	Hello, I am a student and worker here in Utah. My name is Marcus Cervántez, and I'm proud to be from the great state of Utah. However, it has come to my attention that in the budget for the next year, the police will be getting additional funding. I believe, as a tax payer, that these funds would be better spent elsewhere. Several alternatives include helping schools, increase infrastructure funding, investigation in transportation (Utah is growing rapidly, as you know, and we desperately need to find alternative ways to keep our city mobile), or to help out local health initiatives. I believe it would be necessary to reduce funding for the police by 30 million dollars and put that money elsewhere. Likewise, a hiring freeze is necessary. Police as it stands do not have enough training, so new training ought to be implemented for old officers. Thank you for your time. Saludos, Marcus Cervántez

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6/11/2020 16:27	Marilyn Bonner	Hello Salt Lake City Council, My name is Marilyn Bonner, and I am a resident and student of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. In addition, freeze all hiring for new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because institutionalized racism cannot continue, and SLC is clearly not immune. \$30 million towards education or mental health and social work resources could go a long way for the community, more so than a militarized police force. For example, most "crowd control" methods are against the Geneva Convention, so why do you permit them to be used on our own citizens? Thank you for your time, Marilyn Bonner
6/11/2020 16:23	Flor Perez	As a special education teacher, I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Flor Pérez Kearns, UT 84118

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6/11/2020 16:22	Alison Olson	am a resident of the district in which Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal was murdered on May 23rd. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank your time.
6/11/2020 16:32	Leland Rasmussen	I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Leland Rasmussen

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6/11/2020 16:27	Mariah Lopez	Hello, My name is Mariah Lopez and I am a resident, full time worker AND full time student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the police brutality and ongoing issues such as racial profiling, have stemmed too far. The way SLC PD handled the pursuit of Bernardo Palacios was utterly and completely wrong! I am also writing you for justice for Bernardo Palacios. I can not bell've Police Chief Brown handled the case and in such way and I think he should be fired as well as action items on how we can be better. Bernardo should have been detained and arrested but clearly that was NOT any of the officers intention.. maybe one as he yelled ?...tase him!... tase him!!... tase him!!? Right before other officers unload T W E N T Y or more shots!! Not to mention Bernardo had stumbled fallen and could have again, been detained but that was NEVER SLC intentions. I demand justice and actions to be taken on those officers. I hope instead, you rel'vest \$30 million back into the community, helping build the community in fighting gentrification along low income and targeted areas, ie- south salt lake, rose park. I'vest in public transportation and schools!! To truly build the better future we elected you for. Sincerely, Mariah Lopez
6/11/2020 16:27	Marie Heywood	I emailed last week, but I'm emailing again. I ask you to please reconsider the amount of money being funded to police in Salt Lake City, and instead consider using that money on education, healthcare, homelessness, and rehabilitation. Our police need more and better education, so I also think it would be a good idea to demand more training and education from them before they are hired. We must tear down the system and build it back up in a way that will serve the community in a better, more uplifting way. Thank you, Marie Heywood
6/11/2020 16:27	Garrett Scott	Hello, My name is Garrett Scott and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because like many other cities in the U.S., funding for the SLCPD makes up a significant amount of the city's budget, and this funding is disproportionate to the net community benefit that the public receives from the SLCPD. All across the country, police departments generally do not live up to the ideal of fostering safe and vibrant communities but instead act as agents of fear, discrimination, and brutality. I understand that the budget planning process is complicated, lengthy, and filled with nuance. However, recent events have brought to light that the status quo is simply unacceptable. I hope that funds divested from the SLCPD be I'vested towards initiatives to improve the local air quality, other climate change / sustainability initiatives, public education, public transportation, ending homelessness, affordable housing, and/or parks and recreation. Sincerely, Garrett Scott

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6/11/2020 16:29	Chris Robison	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.
6/11/2020 16:27	Alyssa Zweber	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we should be focusing on uplifting our community. We should redirect funding to people who are often victims of the criminal justice system, such as addicts. We could direct more money towards rehabilitation centers to try and help addicts instead of arresting them. We should also put more money into our school systems, so that children can have brighter futures.
6/11/2020 16:28	Geoff Griffin	Council Member Valdemoros - Please do not cut funding to the police for the upcoming year. I live in your district in downtown Salt Lake City. If anything, we do not have enough police protection in our area. Please do not make a rash decision based on what seems pressing right now, but rather, consider the long-term needs of your constituents who live in the neighborhoods that require police services. Sincerely, Geoff Griffin
6/11/2020 16:28	Marissa Gibson	Hello, My name is Marissa Gibson and I live and work in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into our education systems!!! Give elementary school teachers a major raise. Give money to low income families. Allocate funds in order to help people who struggle. They are the ones who NEED it. Not the police department who kills innocent people. Sincerely, Marissa Gibson

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6/11/2020 16:41	Maya Brimhall	Hello, My name is Maya Brimhall and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the current practices, attitudes, and complacency within the Salt Lake City Police Department is astoundingly problematic. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in building intersectional community programs designed to protect and serve disproportionately affected communities of color. Sincerely, Maya Brimhall
6/11/2020 16:41	Maya Dangerfield	Hello, My name is Maya Dangerfield and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I do not bell've the Salt Lake PD is doing anything helpful with that \$30 million. They have over \$500 riot gear on for peaceful protestors in T-shirts. That?s sickening and in no way do I support my tax money going back to them. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into our schools. You can hire over 200 new teachers AND give all existing teachers a 20% raise. Sounds like a much more beneficial I'vestment for our city and people. Sincerely, A truly concerned citizen Maya Dangerfield
6/11/2020 16:46	Meera Andersen	Hello, My name is Meera Andersen and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to . I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in the community through education, health sevices, affordable housing, community development. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. With sincerity, Meera Andersen
6/11/2020 16:28	Blair Daines	I am a student Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout.
6/11/2020 16:29	Jenni Kaufusi	Hello, My name is [FULL NAME] and I am a [RESIDENT OF, WORKER IN, STUDENT IN] Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because [INSERT WHATS IMPORTANT TO YOU OR DELETE SENTENCE]. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in [INSERT WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE I'veSTED IN OR DELETE SENTENCE]. Sincerely, [FULL NAME] Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 16:31	Jennifer Scroggins	Hello, My name is Jennifer Scroggins and I am a resident of Salt Lake City, I work in Murray and attend the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because it is time for change and these resources can be used so highly in other areas. Sincerely, Jennifer Scroggins Sent from my iPhone

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6/11/2020 16:30	Abigail Maxwell	I am a Worker Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'veest \$30 million in Salt Lake city's public education system.
6/11/2020 16:43	Logan Hoopes	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Logan Hoopes
6/11/2020 16:29	Losaunne White	Hello, My name is Losaunne and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because of the CONTINUED excessive use of force by the SLCPD'specifically against Black and Brown communities. Police cams, training, comprehensive reporting, and other methods ofreform that can be used to argue for higher budgets don't address the underlying issues at play here. I hope instead, you pump that \$30 million into building up the community through much needed I'vestments in housing aid and education. I hope you listen to us in our demands for change to make this city a place that values equality over brutality. Sincerely, Losaunne White



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6/11/2020 16:42	Alexa Washburn	I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although the City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Alexa Washburn
6/11/2020 16:38	Kayley H	I am a resident of Weber County, but I am writing to demand that the Salt Lake City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of violence against Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, there has been a proposed increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising the draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time.

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6/11/2020 16:39	Kayley Prebble	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,
6/11/2020 16:41	Kaysie Knox	Hello, My name is Kaysie Knox and I am a Resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there is a systematic issue that needs to be broken down, corrected and rebuilt. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in mental health crisis, education, and building the community. Sincerely, Kaysie Knox

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6/11/2020 16:29	Annabelle Hart	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. Utah has the highest rate of police brutality towards Black people in the entire country. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.
6/11/2020 16:31	Marqueza M	My name is Marina. I also go by my artist name Marqueza. I am a queer person of color and SLC-based singer and artist and I am adding my voice to countless others who are demanding justice for those whose lives have been devastated and taken by police brutality and an unjust country-wide system rotten to the core with systemic racism, homophobia, ableism, and much much more. I demand that before the final vote, the city cut the SLCPD's budget and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the major maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year, and I immediately terminate and apprehend the officers who murdered Bernardo Palacios in cold blood. There are countless years of research to show that police brutality is not the product of a "bad apple", but of a system that is inherently rotten to the core due to the fact that modern day police departments literally evolved from the slave-catchers and torturers that were given the power to protect white property and people at all costs. It is unacceptable to me that even ONE life is taken by a police officer, so think about the collective pain, inter-generational trauma, and suffering that Black folks have had to go through for hundreds of years. Enough is enough. I hope you will do the right thing, and remember what side of history you are on. You do not get to hold a position of power in communities without actively doing everything you can't to make sure you are properly representing the needs of the most marginalized, and that means listening to Black folks, listening to Black trans people, listening to the Black organizers, activists, researchers, writers, poets, visionaries who have been doing the work since before you were born to abolish a system built on violence.. Defund and abolish the police. it's possible, it's being done in Minneapolis, we can do it here and we can rebuild a community that watches out for each other, and pour resources into programs that will eventually heal our people. Justice for Bernardo Palacios, Justice for Darrien Hunt, Justice for Breonna Taylor, Justice for George Floyd, Justice for Tony McDade, Justice Justice Justice for them all. -Marina/Marqueza

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6/11/2020 16:36	Mary-Helen Pl'man	Hello, My name is Mary-Helen Pl'man and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because police departments across the country have shown time and time again that more money does not help reform them but rather gives them more resources to murder black Americans Sincerely, Mary-Helen Pl'man
6/11/2020 16:33	Lydia Keenan	Hello, My name is Lydia Keenan and I am a Salt Lake City native. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I implore that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there are areas of our community that need more money and resources to work on 1) improving access to affordable housing, 2) engaging young people, and 3) furthering education. Sincerely, Lydia Keenan
6/11/2020 16:35	Lexi Burt	Hello, My name is Alex Burt and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because these funds are essential to social welfare programs that have been neglected for too long, or cease to exist. Our education system continues to be defunded, our mental health services are severely lacking, our homeless population needs adequate support, our black and other POC communities needlessly suffer at the hands of police, and the time is now to invest in humanity rather than force. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million directly into the community and into the programs that can directly support public health. Into schools, healthcare, and social programs that make the biggest impact. Sincerely, Alex Burt Sent from my iPhone

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6/11/2020 16:37	Alexis McNully	I am a resident of West Valley City District 2. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Alexis McNully
6/11/2020 16:31	Greg Finn	Hello, I am a resident of your city council district and I am writing in regards to the proposed budget for FY 2020-2021. I demand that city council reject the mayor's proposed \$85 million for policing and redirect funds toward things that will ensure the security and wellbeing of our community. Those funds would be better spent on things like housing and rent relief, improvements to transit, and events and public spaces that build community. Sincerely, Greg Finn
6/11/2020 16:31	Katie Whiting	Hello, My name is Katie Whiting and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in bettering the education system, bettering transit for everyone, and decreasing pollution in the city. Sincerely, Katie Whiting

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6/11/2020 16:33	Katy Willis	Hello, I am a bar owner in downtown Salt Lake City. When open, I pay more in taxes each month than I pay in rent. I have issue with the city budget as proposed - specifically in regards to the size of the police budget. My experiences with the SLPD have ranged from the bare minimum to terrible. I have always informed my staff to not call the police unless absolutely necessary because they generally show up late and can escalate situations or can't turn responsibility on our employees or customers trying to report. The video of the murder of Bernardo Palacios (and others before him) show that all the training that the SLPD have had has not resulted in officers who are able to control their emotions or biases. My employees handle many intense situations with irate, drunk customers and never kill (or hurt) the customers. They are in more control of themselves than your officers. I am calling for the redistribution of funds and responsibilities of the police department to other organizations more suited for the handling of crime. For example, redistribute funds from the police department to the Rape Recovery Center so they can be deployed when someone reports rape. Fund organizations that support communities in ways that reduce crime all together. As the elected leaders of this city, I expect some big changes to this budget from you. I know you're getting a lot of negative feedback, but if you really commit to finding solutions to this funding problem, we will have your back. You HAVE to show strength right now even if it's intimidating. We need you to lead. We NEED to change the failed experiment that is (nationally and locally) handing so many responsibilities to armed police officers and criminalizing poverty. The police department needs to be deleted and replaced and y'all need to lead the charge. it's the right thing to do so do it. You all happen to be elected officials in Salt Lake City at a time when what you do now will shape this city we love in powerful ways or will uphold broken systems that result in death and pain of your constituents. I do not bell've you will regret being on the radical side of history. -Katy Willis

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6/11/2020 16:46	Kelly Hermans	<p>Dear Mayor Mendenhall and Council Member Wharton, My husband and I are SLC residents who voted for both of you. For our new mayor: you won us over in large part due to the Trib's coverage &lt;<a href="https://www.sltrib.com/news/politics/2019/10/09/billboard-fight-bubbles/">https://www.sltrib.com/news/politics/2019/10/09/billboard-fight-bubbles/</a>&gt; of billboards and campaign contributions. We don't want our local officials to be beholden to corporate interests, and you seem principled, trustworthy, and transparent. We love that both of you have spoken in support of (1) Black Lives Matter and (2) dismantling systemic oppression. Per calls from Black activists and allies including progressive academics such as Alex S. Vitale, author of The End of Policing? it's time to prioritize community well-being over violent policing, and totally reimagine public safety. You two can lead that rebuilding here in SLC. Let's substantially cut the SLCPD's budget and redirect those funds to new public health efforts, and to nonviolent public safety initiatives. We join the calls of those across the country to defund the police. Those words seem radical, but as Vitale breaks down in this NPR story &lt;<a href="https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2020/06/03/457251670/how-much-do-we-need-the-police">https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2020/06/03/457251670/how-much-do-we-need-the-police</a>&gt; , "I'm certainly not talking about any kind of scenario where tomorrow someone just flips a switch and there are no police. What I'm talking about is the systematic questioning of the specific roles that police currently undertake, and attempting to develop evidence-based alternatives so that we can dial back our reliance on them. And my feeling is that this encompasses actually the vast majority of what police do. We have better alternatives for them." Immediate changes in SLC can entail adopting all of the 8 can't Wait &lt;<a href="https://8cantwait.org/">https://8cantwait.org/</a>&gt; policies advocated by Campaign Zero &lt;<a href="https://www.joincampaignzero.org/">https://www.joincampaignzero.org/</a>&gt; , if they aren't already in place: 1. ban chokeholds and strangleholds 2. require de-escalation 3. require warning before shooting 4. require exhausting all alternatives before shooting (unlike what happened in the recent police shooting of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal) 5. duty to intervene 6. ban shooting at moving vehicles 7. require use of force continuum 8. require comprehensive reporting Let's divert PD funds to help meet the needs of at-risk Salt Lakers during this especially devastating time? in the midst of a pandemic, when inequities are amplified and livelihoods are on the line. We urge you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020?2021 fiscal year. Now is the tipping point and the time to take action. Thank you so much for your time, Kelly and Tucker Hermans</p>



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6/11/2020 16:31	Alyssa Haacke	I am a resident of Salt lake county. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.
6/11/2020 16:32	Cienah Miller	I am a resident Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I would like it I've invested in other ways such as education and affordable housing. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in education, housing and transportation.
6/11/2020 16:32	Amy Reeder	I'm writing to encourage you to take steps to defund SLC police. I do not favor abolishing our police force, but do favor defunding, which can create outcomes for safer neighborhoods and communities for people of color, and all people in general. I work in healthcare and know that some of the money used to arm and fund police can be better spent on alleviating health disparities in our city. Thank you for the consideration.
6/11/2020 16:32	Martina Platte	Hello Mayor Mendenhall My name is Martina Platte and I am born and raised in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is critical for the safety of our beautiful city and it's residents. Until our police can understand that black lives matter, and that their job is to uphold the peace rather than hold authority over others, we can not truly grow. I hope instead you will consider putting the funds into a community lead operation to maintain peace with proper checks and balances. Sincerely, Martina Platte Sent from my iPhone

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6/11/2020 16:55	Melinda Main	I am appalled at the way our police officers are being portrayed because of a few bad choices. Do I think that changes could be made, yes. Do I think that our officers deserve less than the best support of it's citizens, no. Society is broken and it needs yet another scapegoat and right now, it's our police force. Yesterday years it was our teachers, what next? I hate to see what our world will become when there is no absolute regard for law and order. it's already evident, the City can't enforce its own regulations. I've made it my quest to take my neighborhood back. I will engage and defend. The officers that I have called to enforce the law have been quite honorable. I sure wouldn't want to be an officer let alone a wife that wasn't sure what drastic events they would be faced with emotionally and physically every day that they go to work. Personal responsibility and accountability is lacking in some of our citizens and I am appalled at the banter of discussion of how everyone has an opinion and is an expert on policing. If the budget is limited, don't limit our protections to life, liberty & happiness.
6/11/2020 16:56	Melissa Clawson	Dear Counsel Members of Salt Lake City, My name is Melissa and I am sending you all thing email in the regards of whether or not to defund the police. I am sure that you are getting many emails on this topic varying in length so I will try and keep my email short and sweet. As a concerned community member, I bell've that it is important to think of the safety of those around us and how if the police were defunded, the shift in our safety as a community would diminish. A police officers job is to serve and protect those around them in a way that makes the community a better and safer place. I personally bell've that the SLCPD is doing a fantastic job at doing this. Decreasing the funding to the officers would take this aspect away. On the the other hand I do bell've in change. I bell've that providing resources and training (non-weapons training) for officers would be a more appropriate approach for this situation instead of defunding them all together. This solution would help reduce the risk of unnecessary injury or death for both the officer and general public. Please consider both sides to this topic. I thank you all for your service as council members to the city of Salt Lake and also for taking time to read my email. Thank again for your time, Melissa
6/11/2020 16:58	Melissa Warren	Hello, My name is Melissa Warren and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in helping the homeless, hungry, and victims of domestic violence. Sincerely, Melissa Warren
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6/11/2020 16:33	Aaron Maretsky	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time.
6/11/2020 16:34	Mary Barker	Hello, My name is Mary Barker and I am a student Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've in l'vesting in the community and not a department that is built on systematic raci'm and discrimination amongst people of color. Sincerely, Mary Barker
6/11/2020 16:34	Brandy Farnsworth	I'm a student at the U and an SLC resident. I'm contacting you regarding the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. As a constituent, I highly encourage you to hear the voices, cries and demands of the people. If you cannot hear them, it is because you are willfully choosing not to. I encourage you to make drastic cuts, at least \$30 million, to the SLPD budget before Tuesday's city counsel vote. Over policing has been proven ineffective in reducing crime. Those funds can better be allocated to social workers, mental health professionals, first responders, conflict resolution counselors, nurses and firefighters. Also, please consider that the longer you withhold policereform and budget cuts, the longer the protests will persist, and the more risk our city is for spreading COVID19. In 2 weeks, we will see a drastic spike in cases. As such, some of the allocated police funds can'then be directed towards PPE, ventilators, and other life saving equ'lment for healthcare workers on the front lines. It is in the best interest of our city, our community and our neighbors to redistribute police funding. I hope that you agree.

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6/11/2020 16:39	Brian Keyes	I'm a resident of Salt Lake City. I'm emailing you today to express my concerns with the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. When making my decision to move to the city a couple years ago, I was happy to see that the SLCPD seemed to be at the forefront of deescalation tactics and better policing in the US. Unfortunately that has proven itself to not be enough these past couple weeks. It has become clear within SLC and across the country that the police are not the solution to our city's problems and in many cases serve to exacerbate the issues we face. Before the final vote on the 2020-2021 fiscal budget, I'm demanding that the city make at least a \$30 million cut to the SLCPD's budget, institute a hiring freeze, and commit to defunding and disbanding the SLCPD in the coming years. The police force is spread thin covering more issues than they are able or qualified to handle. The city can easily put \$30 million to better use setting up community driven support and resources better equipped to reduce crime in our city. \$30 million can provide any of the following which I believe are a better use of our taxes: ? 235 new teachers for city schools AND a 20% raise for all teachers ? rent relief for 2,024 YEARS ? medical insurance for 2,140 families ? 333,000 therapy sessions ? 2.3 million meals for those going hungry Thank you for your time and commitment to making Salt Lake a better community.
6/11/2020 16:42	Kelly Caragea	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. ? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Sent from my iPhone

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6/11/2020 16:40	Max B	Hello, I want to reach out in support of our officers. I'll start by saying I believe in the BLM movement going on and that reform and additional training is needed. That being said, we will need to have our officers backs and support them at this time. Let's support initiatives for healthy reform without taking away officers budget or benefits. As for the shooting of Palacios Carbajal. I hope the officers are treated fairly and we are supporting them instead of throwing them under the bus. They were chasing a suspect who had just threatened another citizen at gun point. The suspect drew his weapon, stumbled and picked the weapon back up indicating he intended to keep it and possibly use it against the officers. They gave several commands to drop the gun and the suspect refused to comply. Our officers shouldn't have to wait for one of them to be shot before ending a threat of a suspect with a gun in hand. I believe this universally regardless of that persons race. I sincerely hope the officers are given a fair investigation and aren't a victim of a movement for change in justifiably ending a threat while trying to apprehend a suspect. Thank you for taking our feedback under consideration, Sincerely A concerned citizen.
6/11/2020 16:45	Mckayla Yager	Hello, My name is Mckayla Yager and I am a loyal resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because it's clear to me that the money could be much more beneficial for our community if placed in more constructive outlets! I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in something that uplifts our community, specifically the less fortunate. The homeless community in Salt Lake City are overpoliced and they don't have enough resources to truly help their situations. I'm also a firm believer in education, and I know you are too! If we re-allocate some of that money and place it in the public schooling system, we have the potential to make a much bigger positive impact on our community than if we were to fund the police department. I hope you make the best decision for our amazing community here in SLC. Sincerely, Mckayla Yager Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 16:36	Arianna Hone	I am a resident of SLC, UT. I am reaching out today in hopes that my voice will be heard in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make DRASTIC cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at LEAST 30 million dollars, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe SLC can CREATE change and the first step is making finances available to our community FOR THOSE CHANGES. I hope instead you choose to invest the 30 million dollars in resources for homeless and at risk populations. I also hope that some of the money will be invested into mental health resources and education in our community.

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6/11/2020 16:35	Alexander Hyres	and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I'm writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the Salt Lake City Police Department's budget by at least 30 million dollars, and reallocate the money to community services. Also, I demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. The police are ill-equipped to handle many of the issues we face in our community including homelessness, addiction, and socio-economic inequality. Rather than dealing with the symptoms of these problems as the police often do, I would like to see the council and mayor's shift spending towards dealing with the underlying issues. I hope you will invest the 30 million dollars into additional funding for education and affordable housing.
6/11/2020 16:35	Kaycee Neilson	Hello, My name is Kaycee Neilson and I am a healthcare worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because of the lack of safety and protection I feel from the Salt Lake Police Department and the manner in which they conduct themselves. I have personally needed help and protection from their department and have not received the help I deserved much like Lauren McCluskey. I have been fortunate in that I did end up the same as she did, and hope no one experiences this lack of protection, safety, and response as I (and she, and many others before and after us) have received. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in assistance for children (whether through the educational system or homeless shelters). Sincerely, Kaycee Neilson

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6/11/2020 16:36	Kacey Davis	<p>Dear Mayor Mendenhall and Salt Lake City Council: My name is Kacey Davis. I live and work in Salt Lake City, and have been a community member for nearly ten years. I am a research scientist at Research Park and have lately used my curiosity and research skills not on molecular biology, but police brutality. I would like to share a few things I have learned that may impact your decision about our city's budget. I realize the public comment period about the 2020-2021 recommended budget has ended, but I hope you hear the demands and the sound arguments that your citizens have spoken, and follow the lead of other cities (such as Minneapolis) to make the right decisions in the days, months, and years to come. Policereform, including mindfulness training, implicit bias training, and de-escalation tactics, focuses on creating "good cops". The reality is that however many "good cops" we have, police are working in a system that was created to maintain social order at the expense of the poor, socially marginal, and non-white. The concept of policing needs drastic change, not just the people working within it. Police were originally created to suppress workers' movements and protect property, including slaves. Before even the London Metropolitan Police were formed, cities like New Orleans and Charleston had full-time, uniformed police accountable to local elected offices. Police as we know them were directly derived from slave patrols. Although the opinions of individual police officers have hopefully changed since the inception of police, the system has not. If we are truly in a post-racist era, why don't our systems reflect that ideal? Police are overworked, ineffective, and actively cause harm to our Salt Lake City community. The solution is not additional funding, it is reduced responsibility. I would like to offer a few action points that can bring our police into modern society. These views are entirely a product of my own research and do not represent the views of any other group or association.</p> <p>1. Narrow the scope of police responsibilities and remove at least \$30 million from the approximately \$85 million recommended for FY 20-21. Reallocate resources to response teams with directly applicable experience for the specific call.</p> <p>a. Create a response team of mental health service providers who can be directed by emergency dispatch services to respond to crises involving mental health.</p> <p>i. According to the report "Overlooked in the Undercounted", citizens with severe mental health issues account for at least 10% of all police calls and at least 25% of all fatal encounters with police. We could avoid needless death by replacing armed police officers with mental health and social workers for these calls, such as in Austin, Texas.</p> <p>ii. Reference for report: Fuller, Doris &amp; Lamb, H. &amp; Biasotti, Michael &amp; Snook, John. (2016). Overlooked in the Undercounted: The Role of Mental Illness in Fatal Law Enforcement Encounters. 10.13140/RG.2.1.1655.9128.</p> <p>b. Channel domestic violence and rape cases to existing crisis lines and resource centers. Fund advocacy and victim support through these centers.</p> <p>i. Utah is ranked as the 11th most dangerous state for sexual assault.</p> <p><b>1 of 2</b></p> <p><b>*Continued Below*</b></p>



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6/11/2020 16:36	Kacey Davis	<p><b>2 of 2 *Continued Above*</b> We need to do better for our citizens. HB 281 was a good start, but Let's go further. ii. 91% of sexual assault cases go unreported in Utah. As heard in the June 2nd council meeting with a comment from Ms. McKinney, the police in Salt Lake City cause additional harm to sexual assault survivors. Her story is not the only one. Support existing sexual assault resources instead of forcing survivors to live through additional trauma at the hands of police, so that people feel safe when reporting violent crime. iii. Crisis centers vary by county, but the Rape Recovery Center, South Valley Services, Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and Pacific Island Knowledge 2 Action Resources serve Salt Lake County. Support these resources with additional counseling and legal aid. iv. Reference for statistics: Bennet, L., &amp; Knox, A. (2019, April 3). Salt Lake leaders declare a 'Start by Believing' city. Deseret News. c. Utilize existing EMT teams, not police officers, to respond to emergency calls involving drug use or overdose. d. Replace school police officers with additional school counselors and social workers. i. Continue Mayor Biskupski's efforts to stop criminalizing students, but go further. Do not renew contracts to place officers in schools. Re-route funding to resources for administrators to handle truancy and minor disagreements. e. Abolish all 'broken windows' policing, also known as proactive policing. i. Studies show that proactive policing does not prevent major crime. The idea that a smaller police presence and lower petit crime arrests creates chaos is a myth. In truth, divesting resources from proactive policing allows resources to go towards solving major crimes on behalf of the citizens. ii. Reference, also see citations: Sullivan, C.M., O'Keeffe, Z.P. Evidence that curtailing proactive policing can reduce major crime. Nat Hum Behav 1, 730-737 (2017). <a href="https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-017-0211-5">https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-017-0211-5</a>. 2. Demand accountability and transparency for the remaining money and responsibility allocated to police. a. Publish an accessible breakdown of the requested budget (not just the increase) so the public can keep the police department and elected officials accountable. b. Establish the SLC PAC (Public Advisory Committee) recommended and drafted by the Utah Against Police Brutality organization. i. Citizens of Salt Lake city should have the authority to review existing policies, implement new policies, and discipline officers who break those policies. These policy changes are just the beginning of creating a new, more equitable society. I hope you consider the ideas outlined here and make the best decision for all of Salt Lake city's citizens. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Kacey Davis Salt Lake City, Utah, 84102</p>
6/11/2020 16:37	Masen Christensen	<p>Representative Johnston, I am a resident of the Poplar Grove neighborhood in Salt Lake City, and have been looking into the size and scope of our police force. I also voted for you in the last election :) According to current SLC budgets and police rosters: We pay over \$400 per citizen or \$1000 per household in taxes for police alone. We employ 543 police officers and nearly 650 total law enforcement personnel. We also average ~1500 violent crimes and ~13000 property crimes per year in the city. That is an average of &lt;1 violent crime per officer every 4 months, and ~1 total crime per officer every 2 weeks. Currently, the vast majority of our officers' time is taken not by crime but by calls for other reasons (medical emergencies, victimless crimes, routine traffic stops, etc.). An armed, militarized organization should not be the first and only place to receive help for problems unrelated to crime or danger. If I call 911 because of a heart attack, I don't need an armed police officer to come. Even routine traffic stops do not need armed officers to give tickets. SLC parking enforcement is a good example of how routine ticketing does not require excessive force, nor does it have high inherent danger. Please consider significantly reducing funding for police, and reducing their role in routine non-dangerous activity and medical emergencies. Thank you,</p>

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6/11/2020 16:39	Max Askmo	Hello, My name is Max Askmo and I am a resident of Park City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I spend much of my time in Salt Lake City. I participate in a sport and various arts born from black culture and therefore spend much time learning from and alongside members of the black community. They have expressed to me their current fears and frustrations with the state of the police force. Until there is reform which guarantees the eradication of white supremacy within the police force, I believe the resources of our state should be reallocated towards education and community wellness. Sincerely, Max Askmo Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 16:43	Mazie Cin	Hello, My name is Mazie St.Cin and I am a Student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in hiring Social Workers who are trained and capable of bringing the safety and justice to our community that the systematic racism and police brutality have deprived us of for so long. How has it taken us this long to open our eyes??? Do not ignore this need. Sincerely, Mazie St.Cin
6/11/2020 16:38	Lydia Keenan	Good morning, In the wake of police killings across the country as well as in Salt Lake City, and the Salt Lake Police Department's escalated violence against the city's grieving multi-racial community, Salt Lake is in desperate need of visionary leadership. We are calling on the Salt Lake City Council to become these visionary leaders by pledging to defund the Salt Lake Police Department and I've in the resources that really keep us safe and healthy, especially in Black communities, Indigenous communities, Latinx communities, and communities of color. We have called on them to commit to the following during the public hearing on the proposed city budget: Demands: 1. Implement a hiring freeze on SLCPD instead of hiring 23 new officers, as has been proposed. 2. To vote no to any increase in police funding or to increase the police Department's budget. 3. To propose and vote for a \$30 million cut from SLCPD's budget as the city responds to projected COVID-19 shortfalls, a housing crisis, and rise in unemployment. 4. To protect and expand current I've investment in community-led health and safety strategies, instead of I've investing in police. 5. To do everything in their power to compel SLCPD and all law enforcement agencies to I've immediately cease enacting violence on community members. Now is the time to I've in a safe, liberated future for our city. We can't afford to keep funding SLCPD's attacks on our community. Here are some proposed alternatives where funding could go instead to promote community wellness: 1. Provide rent relief and quality housing opportunities for those living at or below the poverty line 2. I've in more events, free resources, and skill sharing at city libraries 3. Provide free public transit and increase the length of bus time schedules and routes 4. I've in trained mental health professionals to de-escalate, transport, and connect those in need with resources 5. I've in more outdoor spaces and public parks in lower-income neighborhoods 6. Funding for after-school programs and providers, and for more meals for students in public schools Thank you for your time. Lydia Keenan (SLC resident)

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6/11/2020 16:38	Matt Froberg	Hello, My name is Matthew Froberg and I am a resident, student, and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I do not agree with the ways in which the SLC PD uses the funding it receives and feel that the money could be better sent. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public transportation and education. Sincerely, Matthew Froberg
6/11/2020 16:38	Kacie Wilks	Hello, My name is Kacie J Wilks and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at LEAST 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is VERY important to to me because the police were never here to protect the people. It is proven throughout history that they were never here to protect anyone except slave owners. Private prisons are morally wrong on so many levels. The fact that companies use I'mates for profit is morally wrong. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public education, the healthcare system, rent relief, feeding your community & so many other things. My mother is a teacher down in St. George and has a masters in Education, there have been some years where I have made more than her as a bartender. That is seriously wrong. I love Salt Lake City. This community is strong and always rallies together when someone needs us to. Now we need you, our leaders, to show up and make the change. Sincerely, Kacie J Wilks
6/11/2020 16:38	Bailey Carver	I am a resident of Salt Lake City (ZIP 84103). I am commenting in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city makes drastic, lasting cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, allocating the money to community-building services. Let's develop programs and services to I'vest in our community members (particularly marginalized communities) rather than militarizing our police force. I also demand that you maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year due to the ongoing police violence we've seen in the city. This is important to me because I bell've we can make this community safe and supportive to all. I hope you instead I'vest \$30 million in strengthening and building new programs to assist with mental health, domestic violence, homelessness, education, and affordable housing. Let's end the long history of divesting funds from marginalized communities and police brutality and build out resources to develop strong social services instead! Thank you very much for your time.

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6/11/2020 16:49	Logan Jugler	I am a resident of Davis County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. thank you Logan Jugler
6/11/2020 16:39	Ailien Luu	I am a resident of South Jordan. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ailien Luu

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6/11/2020 16:39	Matthew Harris	I wonder if you ought to go up to the Capitol there's a little monument just on the side of it of all the officers have been killed in Utah and there's quite a few in just the last five six years maybe you ought to go to those families and maybe get an idea what they think about defending the police department or the people that have crashed in officers have reached in and save them while their car is burning up or all the drunk drivers we've taken off the road but oh I forgot defending isn't getting rid of them but it is it's a slap in the face are you are you going to take over for him all these council members going to come riding in on their white horse and and save the day when you show so little respect for police officers just one of these days knock on wood that you don't need them at your house you don't need them at your side because by God you defund I wouldn't want to be somebody that really defunded them and then you need their help yeah that's good follow all the protesters do what they tell you to screw the rest of the city just do what the protesters want that seems like the going thing right now is so much else is going on in this world and all we can focus on is George Floyd that seems like the only thing everybody can focus on terrible tragedy understand no doubt about it but there's so much more to this than just that you don't totally forget about all residents and everything else because of one or two incidents but I'm sure the council is a perfect perfect people and never done anything wrong so Let's defend the whole damn thing smooth move you go right in line with your mayor on this and that take your liberal thoughts and and just go back to California or wherever thank you very much for really not thinking this through very much
6/11/2020 17:10	Michelle Guanuna	I am a resident of Salt Lake City . I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Michelle Guanuna

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6/11/2020 17:09	Mitchell Menlove	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Mitchell Menlove
6/11/2020 17:15	Mike Askerlund	Hello James, I am a 4th generation Rose Park Resident and SLC business owner. I wanted to personally address some concerns I am currently having. I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Mike Askerlund

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6/11/2020 16:40	Kaylon Draney	Hello, My name is Kaylon Draney and I am a resident ofSalt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I have many close friends and acquaintances who have been directly affected by police brutality here in our Salt Lake City community. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education within Salt Lake City and also reducing corporate carbon emissions. Sincerely, Kaylon Draney
6/11/2020 16:41	Lucy Beltran	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Lucy Beltran



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6/11/2020 16:43	Lincoln Numbers	I am a resident of Centerville, Utah I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time. Lincoln Numbers

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6/11/2020 16:48	Lindsay Anderson	Hello, My name is Lindsay Anderson. I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I am emailing to demand the restructuring of our city budget, so as to prioritize more social services for our community, and to drastically minimize spending on Police. It is unconscionable that 1/3 to 1/2 of the city's budget is going to the police department. This does not align with the values that I have as your constituent and I demand that you and other city officials work together to draft and approve a budget that diverts funds from the police department and reallocates them directly to benefit those in need. Defunding the police and restructuring the budget is an absolute necessity now more than ever. Police perpetuate a pattern of excessive violence and force, especially directed towards Black People and their communities. The police refuse to hold their own accountable and this is unacceptable. We are in the middle of a global pandemic that has killed 100,000 Americans and more than 40 million people have filed for unemployment. Healthcare workers are without proper equipment and essential workers are not being fairly compensated or protected for the great work they do. We don't need more police, we need more social safety nets. Funds intended for police would be better off being sorted to initiatives that Enrich our public schools and students Provide more affordable housing and mental health care initiatives Protect and bolster our parks Support small businesses struggling due to COVID-19 Provide cheaper and cleaner modes of public transportation Our nation is grieving the deaths of Black Americans that were murdered at the hands of police officers who have yet to be held accountable. While the police department has more funding than it knows what to do with, we have communities who desperately need funding and every day they don't receive it their quality of life worsens. Thousands have died who did not need to. You have the ability to change this, so do it. Sincerely, Lindsay Anderson Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 16:44	Mc Mikey	I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time

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6/11/2020 17:00	Micah Mitchell	Hi, my name is Micah Mitchell and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am calling in reference to the 2020 to 2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because of the inhumane, unethical, and completely corrupt practices being used by local law enforcement. I demand that \$30 million be reallocated to other departments not associated with so called ?law and order.? These protests will continue, the riots will continue, the degrading trust in your jurisdiction is escalating. You have the chance to make historic changes in our city for the whole country. Why sit idly by when you can help save lives of SLC residents, students, refugees, and travelers. it's time you make a stand for our city. Thank you, Micah Mitchell

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6/11/2020 16:44	Lindsey Elliott	<p>I am a resident of downtown Salt Lake. The protests were a terrifying display around the world of how disrespectful and violent police will be to their citizens. Government officials, please stand up and remind these ?civil servants? how to care for their communities. It is horribly obvious how disproportionate the brutality, arrests, and convictions become for people of color. There is no excuse for shooting someone in the back or physically harming someone who is restrained. No excuse for violence, the police should be keeping the peace! I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, [YOUR NAME] [YOUR ADDRESS] [YOUR EMAIL] [YOUR PHONE NUMBER] Sent from my iPhone</p>

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6/11/2020 16:45	Meagan Gonsalves-Vorwald	Hello, My name is Meagan and I am a resident and empoloyee of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope you I'vest a minumum of \$30 million into actual social services. The previous mayor created chais with the police by enacting Project Rio Grande. Maybe some of that money can go to actually helping our homeless population. Sincerely, Meagan Gonsalves-Vorwald Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 16:47	Megan Grisley	Hello, My name is Megan Grisley and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because innocent people are dying at the hands of our SLC police. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public education. Sincerely, Megan Grisley

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6/11/2020 17:05	Michael Vought	Dear Mayor and City Council Members, I am a resident of Council District 1. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Dr. Michael D. Vought
6/11/2020 16:45	Lucy May	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Lucy May

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6/11/2020 16:46	London Iverson	Hello, My name is London Iverson and I am a resident as well as a student in Salt Lake City. My email to you today is in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. As someone who has attended multiple peaceful protests, I have seen first-hand just how many people are asking for change. To listen to these protestors pleas and then continue with this budget plan would be a failure and a direct betrayal to the people you swore to represent. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I would like to see my home and my community grow and thrive, not continue to be dependent on a deeply broken and racially biased system. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in causes like education, rent assistance during the pandemic, and social workers and mental health professionals that could be better at deescalating a variety of situations. I would love to see Utah and it's capital be a leader and a trendsetter in positive change, not just continue on its current path or wait until most other areas are already making these adaptations. I acknowledge and understand that this will be a challenging transition. However, it is clear that the people have spoken and will continue to speak until they are listened to. This is what our community needs. After all, our state motto is ?industry?- we should never become a place or a people that fears the hard work required for change. Sincerely, London Iverson
6/11/2020 16:46	Jess Segraves	I am a homeowner and employee in Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jess Segraves



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6/11/2020 16:48	Jess Vibert	I am a resident of West Jordan, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jessica Vibert
6/11/2020 16:47	Leah Hall	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, 84116. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Leah Hall

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6/11/2020 16:48	Megan Long	Hello, My name is Megan Long and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget and the public call for policereform. Thank you for your willingness to reevaluate our current model of law enforcement and the related allocation of funds. I am thrilled that, as you said in your statement, you ?will not stand by and allow the current systems to fail us again and again.? I understand that real change takes time, but I want to plead with you to form a comprehensive plan with concrete steps in order to dl'mantle those current systems. As Chris Wharton has stated, there is very little data on alternative systems of law enforcement and community safeguarding. This is of course because the current model is ubiquitous in the United States. There has been significant demand to divert \$30 million from the police budget this fiscal year; might I suggest utilizing some of these funds for research into alternative law enforcement systems and the most effective methods of addressing community safety issues? No one wants to engage in a dramatic overhaul of such an important system without a clear plan for success, but neither do we want platitudes that result in little long-term change. Where will we be in three months? Six months? A year from now? The Rodney King riots were almost 30 years ago, and the Civil Rights movement was almost 30 years before that. Let this generation be the one that dl'mantles the systems of inequality that have wit'stood the test of time in our country. Sincerely, Megan Long
6/11/2020 16:49	Luke Vroegop	I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Luke Vroegop

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6/11/2020 16:57	Kaelan Herrera	I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time. - Kaelan Herrera Salt Lake City, UT
6/11/2020 17:22	Morgan Jensen	Hello, My name is Morgan Jensen and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we have a duty as human beings to protect one another, not push down, beat, or murder each other. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in funding for schools in low income neighborhoods, teachers who work in all Utah's schools, or public transit that is actually reliable. Sincerely, Morgan Jensen

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6/11/2020 16:49	Jessie Berggren	Hello, I am a resident of the Avenues in Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. Salt Lake has the chance to be a leader in this movement that is sweeping the nation. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jessie Berggren
6/11/2020 16:51	Megan M Larsen	Hello, My name is Megan Larsen and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Megan M. Larsen
6/11/2020 16:53	Mel Martinez	I demand you listen to your constituents and our demands for l'mediately del'vesting in the police department and working towards abolishment. Mel Martinez mobile
6/11/2020 16:52	Hannah Satein	Hello, My name is Hannah Satein and I am a PhD student here in Salt Lake. I am writing you in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I am requesting that the city reduce the SLCPD budget by \$30 million and reallocate those funds to community building services. I also request that you maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is really important to me because research, and our reality, is showing that l'vestments in implicit bias training and body cams are not doing the work of reducing violent deaths at the hands of police. I hope you instead l'vest the \$30 million in training crisis response workers who can respond to nonviolent emergencies such as the Cahoots organization in Eugene, OR and unarmed trained mediators who can work in the neighborhoods they live in. Our system isn't working and I hope we are brave enough to envision and create a different future. Thank you. Sincerely, Hannah Satein

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6/11/2020 16:53	Jan Burton	I have been grateful for the police at times in my life. I bell've Lives Matter, and that people of color are often treated differently for no rational reason, I think changes in protocol need to be made. I am unclear why some officers do not activate their body cam when chasing a suspect. Everyone should have body cams they can activate, and simply responding that they thought their life was in danger when someone is shot is not at all acceptable. However, most police activity is not life or death. My last experience was when I was sideswiped on Route 201 and I memorized the license plate and reported it to the police. They quickly caught the offender, and he admitted he had sideswiped me--- and there was evidence on his car. I could think of innumerable incidents when calm, resourceful law officers have made a difference. They need to be properly funded. Those who tend to be "hotheads" need to be weeded out and that would be possible if there was a better system in place to review accountability and force some individuals out of the police force.
6/11/2020 16:58	Kelsey Clement	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,

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6/11/2020 17:22	Monica Rasmussen	Hello Mayor Mendenhall and members of SLC council, My name is Monica Rasmussen and I have lived in Utah'since 2003 and Salt Lake city'since 2012. I love my town and hope to spend many years here, probably the rest of my life. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by AT LEAST 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because the people most negatively impacted by police violence are my neighbors and co-workers. I love them and their children, and I desperately want their lives to be free of the constant fear of an oppressive, violent, or even deadly encounter with law enforcement. We'require (and the circumstances of life in this time require) that you I'vest AT LEAST \$30 million in organizations like the Rescue Mission, the Utah Food Bank, more beds for the homeless, addiction recovery programs, affordable housing - in short, services that help people to avoid the desperate circumstances that so often, so unjustifiably, involve the police. Sincerely, Monica Rasmussen

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6/11/2020 17:24	Morgan Willl'ms	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Morgan Willl'ms
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6/11/2020 17:10	Michelle Mills	Hello, My name is Michelle Mills, and I am a current resident of Draper, Utah. I have also lived in Salt Lake City. I am e-mailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote is called for, the city must make drastic cuts to the. SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and re-allocate that money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is very important, not only to me but my peers, my family, and my community because we have had enough of the over funding and militarization of the police force. The police no longer protect and serve, they use their power for their own personal benefit while oppressing those they supposedly help. I am sick and tired of watching people being viciously murdered by people who are too scared to de-escalate situations and shoot first out of instinct. The tactics police are being taught are a gross mishandling of justice. I suggest instead, you I'vest that money into building more homeless shelters, especially ones for abused women and children. I suggest instead you I'vest that money into a mental health program which can handle situations with better solutions than arresting those in need of help. I suggest we use this money to mend those who are in need, not put them in even more dire of straits. Thank you so much for your time. I do hope you consider this uprising of the people as a sign that we will not be silenced any longer. It is time you do your jobs and serve the people. Sincerely, Michelle Mills
6/11/2020 17:08	Michell Marshall	Good afternoon, I'm writing to express concern over the talk of decreasing the police budget. Salt Lake is the capital city. They need a well funded well trained PD. Good candidates, good training and good screening all takes money. This police department is valuable and greatly needed. Please back them up! Our city needs them! Michell Marshall Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 17:01	Kelsey Jensen	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Kelsey J Jensen

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6/11/2020 17:02	Jo Napolitano	Darin, Is seems there is no clean path in your city through which to move money earmarked for law enforcement to education. But is that something you would be interested in? I know you interested in improving mental health offerings at all levels. Does that include children? And if that work was not being done at school, where would it take place? Jo Sent from my iPhone On Jun 10, 2020, at 4:48 PM, Jo Napolitano wrote: ?Thank you so much for your thoughtful responses. They are much appreciated. Jo Napolitano Sent from my iPhone On Jun 10, 2020, at 4:44 PM, Weist, Dan wrote: ? Are you interested in moving money set aside for law-enforcement to other areas, including education? I am interested in finding increased funding for more social services and programs, particularly those that are targeted toward marginalized communities. I bell've such programs will keep more people from getting into situations where they are likely to have negative experiences with law enforcement. Whether such funding comes from this year's Police Department budget or other sources, and whether that would be supported by my fellow council members is something I don't yet have enough information to answer. Because education is handled by a different governmental entity, I do not see the money going directly into public schools at this time. If so what would you like to improve educationally? More mental health staff? More equil'ment? More teachers? Public education is not under our purview so I cannot answer as to what the greatest needs are for our schools. What I will say is that I bell've mental health support services are lacking at all levels of our society. Mental Health concerns affect so many people in our society and we have done a poor job of addressing what I see as one of our greatest public health crises. And how long will that take? I don't have enough information to answer this question at this time but we are working hard to find that information. Darin Mano Salt Lake City Council'member, District 5 801-535-7786   Sign up for my Newsletter

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6/11/2020 17:02	Kelvin McKay Findlay	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Hopefully the rest of Utah will follow suit. Thank you for your time, Kelvin McKay Findlay
6/11/2020 17:04	Kendal Poole	Hello, My name is Kendal Poole and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because black lives matter. As a white woman, I have never felt targeted by the police in the way that black and brown SLC residents do. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public education, restorative justice program/educator training, and community programs that support mental health. Sincerely, Kendal Poole
6/11/2020 17:03	Joni Barlow	Hello, My name is Joni Barlow and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because your actions regarding this budget and the hiring freeze will communicate to the public where your priorities lie. Please Let'salt Lake City be a shining example of what to do after a protest. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in education, housing, and medical assistance for underserved populations. Sincerely, Joni Barlow

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6/11/2020 17:03	Michael Dodd	June 9, 2020 RE: Defunding the Salt Lake City Police Department To whom it may concern: For six years now, I have worked directly with local law enforcement as Chair of Wasatch Hollow Community Council. This includes sitting at roundtable discussions at which Chief Mike Brown was present, working with various District 6 CIU detectives, and having officers attend HollowFest to meet and interact with those who live in the Wasatch Hollow Community. I can honestly say that I am impressed with the direction Chief Mike Brown has taken the Salt Lake City Police Department. He has implemented de-escalation training among his officers, training on recognizing and working with citizens with mental illness, and he has moved the department towards a community policing model. I also saw Chief Brown direct his department with patience and restraint over the last week, even as they dealt with the very few protesters who directly attacked police lines with rocks and water bottles. And through the haze and smoke of it all, I saw Chief Brown and his officers kneeling in support of the Black Lives Matter movement. But even as I type this, the recent killing of a man at the hands of the SLCPD has shocked, saddened, and angered us all. This single incident illustrates ? more than any other ? that the current system is failing us as a community and that something concrete needs to happen. However, slashing the Salt Lake City Police Department's budget will only hinder the needed change. We need to think long and hard about the effect this would have on continued training and the community policing model. We need to think long and hard about how budget cuts would affect both the quantity and quality of new officers. We need to think long and hard about how a lack of funding would prevent the implementation of new policies and procedures in the short and long term. In closing, the SLCPD cannot hire and train quality officers if they lack proper funding. Regards, Michael Dodd Chair - Wasatch Hollow Community Council
6/11/2020 17:04	Michael Showalter	Hello, My name is Michael Showalter and I am a resident of Salt Lake City and I am a student at the University of Utah. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 50 million, and reallocate the money to community building services, our schools, and healthcare for those that can it afford it. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because time and time again our system has proven to favor citizens based on their race. In 2018 alone 25% of all gun related deaths were caused by police officers. It takes more training to cut hair than to become a police officer. Our police have learned they can get away with almost anything because they have a badge. This must change. Sincerely, Michael Showalter

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6/11/2020 17:04	Ken Davis	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Ken Davis
6/11/2020 17:04	Jordan Kamm	I am a resident of [YOUR DISTRICT]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Jordan Kamm

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6/11/2020 17:12	Mikelle Allen	Hello, My name is Mikelle Allen and I am a Resident Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because these funds could easily help out where needed. My friend was murdered by a West Valley Police Officer and that officer is still being paid while not working. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in literally anything else. Schools. Teachers. Food programs. After school programs for at risk youth. Tons of places could use the funds. Sincerely, Mikelle Allen
6/11/2020 17:05	Kendall Thiede	To the Council Members and the Mayor, I am a resident of District 1. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Kendall Thiede
6/11/2020 17:10	Kendra Vicken	Hello, My name is Kendra Szabo (Vicken) and I am a resident of Salt Lake City and constituent of yours. I am calling in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million and reallocate the money to community services, especially services that help homelessness, drug addiction, and mental health. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we do not need a militarized police force and the police are already being asked to do too much. We have pushed our societal failures onto the police department. Police are tasked with dealing with homelessness, mental health, drug addiction, and so much more. These should not be the responsibility of the police but of trained social workers in these particular areas with experience and expertise at treating these issues. We are not safer with larger and more militarized police departments. We are safer with better resources. I hope instead you I'vest the \$30 million in housing, transit, and other public services (again, including resources for homelessness, mental health, and drug addiction) or we will vote you out. Kendra Vicken

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6/11/2020 17:11	Keni Nelson	Hello Mayor Mendenhall and City Council Members, My name is Keni Nelson and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing you in reference to the 2020-2021 Fiscal Budget. I demand that before the vote, the City makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million dollars, and reallocates the money to community building services. I also demand that you place a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I love Salt Lake City and I think our Mayor and City Council are in an incredibly unique position to change our community for the better. Unfortunately the inaction of past city governments falls on you now. We have overfunded the police and have let their union take away funding from essential community organizations. Issues many of you campaigned on were homelessness and affordable housing. These issues can be directly tied to the overfunding of police. This has resulted in our community being weaker than ever. By disproportionally funding the police we are actively hurting the community. it's now time to create the future we want and that residents of Salt Lake City deserve. Thank you, Keni Nelson
6/11/2020 17:12	Kenna Montano	Hi my name is Makenna Montano, and I am a recent U of U grad and resident of Salt Lake City. I am calling in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. It breaks my heart that \$85 million of our taxpayer money is bleeding through the SLCPD. I demand that the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget for 2020-2021, a MINIMUM of \$30 million. This money should be allocated to emergency housing for the most vulnerable of our community left in the rain. This money should be allocated to public transportation to lower CO2 emissions, and allow more freedom for residents to travel without being reliant on a car. I also DEMAND that the mayor commit to and maintain a HIRING FREEZE for the entire fiscal year. This is important to me because I understand what it feels like to be hungry, and afraid, and alone, jumping from train to bus with hour gaps in their schedules. My friends understand what it feels like to be harassed and brutalized by police who get to go home to a warm bed while they cry in pain sleeping on the streets. The only reason that that is happening is because YOU, the people in power of these enormous resources, allow it to. Enough is enough. Defund the police. Fund the community. Sincerely, Makenna Montano
6/11/2020 17:06	Kendra Hurst	Hello, My name is Kendra Hurst and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because over funding the police takes resources away from social initiatives that could prevent a police response from being necessary. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in mental health and housing initiatives. Sincerely, Kendra Hurst
6/11/2020 17:06	Kendra Pugh	Hi, My name is Kendra Pugh and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocating the money to community building services, such as for the homeless that are over running downtown and the surrounding neighborhoods. I also demand a hiring freeze on any new police officers through the fiscal year. This is important to me because we don't need another police tank for the love of god. I hope you instead I've even half of that back into our schools, or affordable healthcare or homelessness which is so clearly linked both of the aforementioned. Personally I think healthcare would be pretty rad during a pandemic!!! Thank you so much for your time. Kendra Pugh



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6/11/2020 17:13	Kenya Rene	Do not defund SLCPD- Focus the budget on training and supporting the humans behind the shield-PD department is NOT the enemy. The system is. Change the system. ?They need better pay- They start very low! ?They need educational training regarding racial justice. Understanding their communities. ?They need longer training before becoming an officer. Their work means life or death. ?They need professional mental/emotional support on weekly basis. They work on heinous crimes. See horrible scenes. There are very bad people out there. ?They need life coaching and therapist meetings on weekly basis. Their daily lives are a struggle. ?They need support to further their school and knowledge. Full tuition reimbursement. ?They need peer support to talk against racism. ?They need peer support to step up when a partner is doing wrong. ?They need your help to be better at what they do. Defunding them will only mean less support in their trainings. ? Contact your council representative and our SLC Mayor. Support the humans we need and want to keep us ALL safe. #BLM #together #community #change Thank you! Your RosePark Resident and public servant.
6/11/2020 17:07	Josie McCarter	To Salt Lake City Council Members, I am a concerned citizen of the great state of Utah, and I am a proud supporter of the amazing men and women we have in all of our Law Enforcement Agencies. While my heart too, aches, for the racial injustices that citizens in the minority communities have endured for hundreds of years, the problem does not lie within our police departments. Anyone who lives along the Wasatch front also considers Salt Lake City part of their home. All of our biggest events, the best retail and cultural markers are in Salt Lake City. This city is a part of all of our daily lives, and the reason it has been so great to be in close proximity to this beautiful city is because we feel safe celebrating our lives, friends and family in the wonderful experiences Salt Lake has to offer. None of these things would be possible without the fantastic job that the SLCPD has done to keep our city's streets safe. I have a unique take on Law Enforcement, as I am considered a Social Worker WITHIN the justice system. I am a Victim Advocate, and I know how heavily I rely on our officers to do all of the groundwork to ensure that our victims are safe before I am able to plan with them for long-term safety. This requires long hours of training, trial and error, and experience that cannot be continued if funding for these critical calls is taken away from them. Our officers need all of the support they can get to become the BEST department in the country that can set an amazing example to the rest of the world on what it means to be a police officer. Taking away funding, and in such a large amount, will offer no room for the growth that the world wants to see in Law Enforcement. Less money for a department means that money can only be spent on the absolute necessities, and leaves little room for the critical training and improvements that are being demanded from Law Enforcement. I would think we would want to equip our officers with every bit of quality training we can, and pay them what they are worth. I can definitely say that since the protests have started, I have no desire to return to Salt Lake City until it feels like a safe place. This will never happen if we don't allow the SLCPD to grow, both in officer numbers and in strength of service. Allow them to spend more time with the citizens they serve, become their friends, and truly connect with them. The more time we spend around people, the more we care about them. The change starts in the hearts of every man, woman, and person in this world. Defunding feels hateful and manipulative. I plead that you will keep SLCPD fully funded, and let them show our great state how much they truly care about their wonderful city. Kind regards, Josie McCarter

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6/11/2020 17:08	Julane Machado	I am a resident of Millcreek, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time. Julane Machado
6/11/2020 17:08	Michaela Lyon	I am a resident of the 4th congressional district. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Michaela Lyon
6/11/2020 17:14	Sarah Call	Hello, My name is Sarah Call and I am a student, resident, and employee in Utah. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because black people are being murdered at an alarming rate. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in housing. Sincerely, Sarah Call

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6/11/2020 17:09	Michal Jensen	Hello, My name is Michal Jensen and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I'm emailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least 30 million and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the Mayor, Erin Mendenhall, maintains a zero hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I bell've the funds are better spent elsewhere, such as education, housing, transportation, healthcare and addressing the growing homeless population in our city. I hope you I'vest 30 million wisely looking towards a safer and brighter future for your constituents. Thanks, Michal Jensen
6/11/2020 17:11	Michelle Turner	I am a resident of eagle mountain. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Michelle Turner
6/11/2020 17:19	Mitchell Yeates	Hello, My name is Mitchell Jordan Yeates and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because of the notifiable inequalities I and others like me have observed in our judicial system, namely racI'm and racial profiling from our police. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into projects and programs to help reduce the growing number of homeless people left on the streets without medical care, food or shelter this year. Sincerely, Mitchell Jordan Yeates

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6/11/2020 17:12	Molli Guthrie	<p>Dear Amy, My name is Molli Guthrie and I live in Capitol Hill. I am a volunteer with the Grassroots Law Project in their SLC chapter (<a href="http://www.grassrootslaw.org">www.grassrootslaw.org</a> &lt;<a href="https://www.grassrootslaw.org/">https://www.grassrootslaw.org/</a>&gt; ). Recently, one of our fellow volunteers spoke with Dan Dungan about President Obama's 'Commit to Action' pledge. Dan advised that we look into a community advocacy group that is partnered with SLCPD. I am unable to find this resource but am interested in working within it. Dan also mentioned you all plan to follow the path President Obama outlined, which includes engaging with your communities by including a diverse range of input, experiences, and stories in your review. <a href="https://www.obama.org/mayor-pledge/">https://www.obama.org/mayor-pledge/</a> &lt;<a href="https://www.obama.org/mayor-pledge/">https://www.obama.org/mayor-pledge/</a>&gt; As a volunteer within the Grassroots Law Project, I'm reaching out to you today for clarity. Police officers and communities throughout the country benefit from clearly defined limits of the use of force. In some communities, the lack of definitions or training on the use of force has led to abuse, mistreatment, and wrongful death; oftentimes based on racial profiling, but not limited to it. Mayor Mendenhall recently tweeted, 'Transparency and direct accountability is being demanded of police departments across the nation, and I will always demand it of ours as well as I know they have always demanded it of themselves.' We are asking for more transparency regarding items listed on Salt Lake City Police's website, in their reporting of use of force: <a href="https://dotnet.slcgov.com/police/useofforce#/chartpresentation">dotnet.slcgov.com/police/useofforce#/chartpresentation</a> &lt;<a href="https://dotnet.slcgov.com/police/useofforce#/chartpresentation">https://dotnet.slcgov.com/police/useofforce#/chartpresentation</a>&gt; . In addition to definitions, we would also appreciate transparency on the \$84M proposed budget. A line item budget would be extremely helpful. These are our tax dollars at play, and we deserve to know where exactly they are going and why. * When police arrive at a scene, what is the protocol leading up to deciding 'use of force' is necessary? How do they deem what type of force necessary? How do they hold each other accountable? * Under the 'Tools' tab, 'Fist or Hands' is used most often, but what exactly does that entail? Are chokeholds included in this segment? Are those permitted at all? * Under the 'Reactions' tab, what are the definitions or examples of each of the following: 'defensive resistance', 'active aggression', 'not complying with verbal command', and 'passive resistance'. These are the top four reactions listed. While we have seen monumental action being taken by our community, it is leaders like you who have the power to make a lasting change in the BLM movement. I am adding my name to the list of volunteers who want to help you with these changes. Sincerely, Molli</p>
6/11/2020 17:13	Michaela Sudweeks	<p>To whom it may concern: My name is Michaela Sudweeks and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-21 fiscal budget. I reached out previously but wanted to do so again as I demand that the SLCPD's budget be drastically reduced in hopes that the funding can instead go towards what I believe benefits our community positively: education, public transit and after school organizations. I demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers this upcoming year. This is important to me because I am a strong advocate for strengthening our communities through education and after school programming as a way to deter crime and have an overall positive experience for our young people. Thank you for your time, Michaela Sudweeks</p>

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6/11/2020 17:10	Julia Lehman	Hello, I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Julia Lehman Salt Lake City 84105 -- Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 17:17	Mitchell Finlinson	Hello, My name is Mitch Finlinson and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at LEAST 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. What I have seen during these protests has proven irrefutably that the police have too much power, privilege and money that is being misused and abused. I do not want my tax dollars funding the state officers that I witnessed pushing peaceful protestors, and shooting rubber bullets for no reason. This money is not the cities to use at your sole discretion, you represent your citizens, it is your JOB to listen to us and act on our behalf, not yours and not your special interest groups. If you have seen any footage from the last week you know it needs to be done, if you don't stand up now you are complicit and we will ensure you voted out of office. This can be done and is being done around the country, be the positive change, stand up for your citizens, show us we elected the right officials. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in black and brown communities, in our horribly underfunded schools and our public transit/infrastructure. To our homeless problem, and our hunger problem, these are issues that our solvable and have a larger impact on society than police with fancy body cams have. Sincerely, Mitch Finlinson Sent from my iPhone

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6/11/2020 17:12	Melissa Marion Skl'more	Hello, My name is Melissa Skl'more and I am a 5 generational resident of Utah. I live and work in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I feel that I've investing in community resources that provide education and support to marginalized communities is more effective in keeping our communities safe and peaceful. There is a direct correlation between poverty levels, education, access to resources and crime. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Melissa Marion Skl'more Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 17:14	Mily Dunbar	I am a resident of District 4. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Emily Dunbar
6/11/2020 17:14	Mimi He	Hello, My name is Mimi and I am a student in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in new schools & giving teachers a 20% pay raise, provide rent relief for longer, provide medical insurance for individuals & families, free therapy sessions, and can feed millions of meals for residents per year. Sincerely, Mimi He

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6/11/2020 17:16	Mirl'm Gileadi	Hello, My name is Mirl'm Gileadi and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I work in education where I want to teach children about life and community without suppression or living in fear due to police brutality and mistreatment, and living in a police-state. I want to teach them the most positive, effective, and loving ways to help their community without violence having to be involved. Until all police brutality and power of funding has been diminished, I cannot bring up and teach children that we are living in an equal world. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in Early Childhood Education programs and trainins, School counselors/psychologists, social work trainings and funding, homeless shelters, clean air initiatives in Salt Lake City?I could go on, but there is a start. Sincerely, Mirl'm
6/11/2020 17:15	Catherine Nielsen	Hello, My name is Catherine Nielsen and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in community education. Sincerely, Catherine Nielsen
6/11/2020 17:15	Kennady Longhurst	Hello, My name is Kennady Longhurst and I am a resident and teacher Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Thi I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public schools and mental health services! Sincerely, Kennady Longhurst
6/11/2020 17:16	Kennedi Gubler	Hello, My name is Kennedi Gubler and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because as a life long member of this community, we are not exempt from police brutality and racial profiling, as 10% of the nation?s police killings on people of color happens here in Utah. That?s a terrifying statistic and something needs to change. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public education, mental health resources, and as well as resources for the Black community. Sincerely, Kennedi Gubler Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 17:16	Mitchell Moss	Hello, My name is Mitchell Moss and I live in the American Fork area. You must be getting tons of emails recently and I'm sorry to add to it. But I wanted to be one that counteracts those that want to defund the police. Police officers around the country sacrifice their lives and their time to protect and serve US. Defunding the police will be disastrous because of a great increase in crime that will harm many innocent families and it will rid thousands of people from their jobs. Many police will lose their jobs if we defund them because of the lack of funds to pay them. According to The Salt Lake Tribune, in December of 2017 there were ?8,148 active peace officers in the state.? How many families will that effect? Will defunding the police include defunding the 911 call centers, causing more loss of jobs? As long as people are greedy and selfish, we will always need the police. And thank you for your time and your service for our country. Sincerely, Mitchell Moss



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6/11/2020 17:17	Mishaël Garz	To whom it may concern, I am a resident of Millcreek. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering People of color. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Mishaël Garz
6/11/2020 17:20	Kennedi Gubler	Hello, My name is Kennedi Gubler and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because as a life long member of this community, we are not exempt from police brutality and racial profiling, as 10% of the nation's police killings on people of color happens here in Utah. That's a terrifying statistic and something needs to change. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in public education, mental health resources, and as well as resources for the Black community. Sincerely, Kennedi Gubler Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 17:20	Molly Poirier	Hello, My name is Molly Poirier and I live I Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me as a principal of a charter school for students with AutI'm. We are facing the potential of up to a 10% budget cut this year. What if the money used to militarize our police force was used to keep paying our teachers? I watch (and help) my teachers calm aggressive, upset children every day. Never has a staff member used excessive force during an aggressive episode in my building, despite being bit, punched and kicked on a daily basis. Perhaps we should pay the people who have the skills to de-escalate situations calmly instead of those who go straight for force. Sincerely, Molly Poirier Sent from my iPhone

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6/11/2020 17:21	Cesar Bojorquez	Hello, My name is Cesar Bojorquez and I am a RESIDENT Of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because my life has been altered time and time again By white supremacy. I feel the pain of police brutality and white silence daily. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in homeless care, women?s centers, Spanish/other language libraries, addiction recovery centers, youth programs, teaching budgets, universal healthcare, arts education, food banks, LGBTQ centers, road and mass transportation infrastructure. Sincerely, Cesar Bojorquez Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 17:22	Kennedy Lazar	I am a resident of Salt Lake City and a student at the University of Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,
6/11/2020 17:23	Morgan Stinson	Hello, My name is Morgan Stinson and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in social services that are focused on supporting Utah's black communities and those marginalized by current systems. Sincerely, Morgan Stinson Sent from my iPhone

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6/11/2020 17:23	Kenzi Schlappi	Hello, My name Kenzi Schlappi and I am a constituent of yours in Salt Lake City. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic budget cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor put a hiring freeze to any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because money is going to an agency that is filled with racial bias and unnecessary force. I hope you will I'veest the \$30 million to agencies like DCFS, DSPD, and the Road Homes in Utah. These agencies are helping people live, unlike SLCPD. Thank you so much for your time. I know that this is a difficult time for everyone and I hope that you're staying safe as well!
6/11/2020 17:24	Kenzi Schlappi	Hello, My name Kenzi Schlappi and I am a constituent of yours in Salt Lake City. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic budget cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor put a hiring freeze to any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because money is going to an agency that is filled with racial bias and unnecessary force. I hope you will I'veest the \$30 million to agencies like DCFS, DSPD, and the Road Homes in Utah. These agencies are helping people live, unlike SLCPD. Thank you so much for your time. I know that this is a difficult time for everyone and I hope that you're staying safe as well!
6/11/2020 17:26	Conner Jenkins	I am a Resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am a strong bell'ver in I'veesting in the community and especially education. Putting that 30 Million into the community and education cause really help Salt Lake grow and decrease the need for crime in said communities
6/11/2020 17:27	Scott Curtis	While I am not an Officer, I do work with them every-day and have so for the past 8 years in the Crime Scene I'vestigation Unit. I am sure you're receiving a flood of e-mails so I will keep it brief. In regards to defunding the Police Budget, may I say this. If a child was failing in their class at school, you wouldn't take away the textbook. You would do what you could to encourage their learning so that they excel. Defunding to me is just that, taking away the textbook. I bell've it will have a negative effect to the department to implement/use programs that advances community safety and not only that, the rapport with the community. In order to have better policing, the cuts will inevitably cause a downturn in training quality and prevent quality folks to join the force knowing there is little to no support from the city.

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6/11/2020 17:30	Cynthia Sorensen	It is irresponsible for Salt Lake City to even consider defunding their police force. Rather than caving to the hatred placed on our police officers who you are punishing for the wrong doing of a corrupt police officer in MINNEAPOLIS, you should be giving them raises. You should work alongside them to see what they do and ALL that they do and how vital their jobs are to the safety of your residents. You have a responsibility and duty to your residents to provide the best policing services to us, the tax payers. The people who trust you with decisions in our communities. I have personally had interactions with your officers and they have all been great and I'm Mexican. Your officers are severely underpaid as it is, especially for a job that could cost them their lives at any given moment. They would give THEIR lives protecting YOURS! Consider pulling money from your own pockets to help your community. Go on a ride along, stand WITH them and beside them as they work the front lines of protests and have rocks and shouts of insults thrown at them all while showing great restraint. You owe them this. The way you improve your police force is by providing more training, raise pay, and allow for more conversations with the community. These officers are human beings, they sacrifice time with their families so you could be safe at home with YOURS, you have a diverse department, people of all colors and backgrounds, they have a community that stands behind them, they save lives, listen to US too, have a fair conversation with both sides instead of just listening to one side!!
6/11/2020 17:39	David Y Johnson	My husband and I have lived in your district since 1991 and love the neighborhood and the city. We are retired now and live on a fixed income, and in the past year we saw our property taxes double--and this on top of the fact that our house was completely destroyed by fire in 2017 and we have been completing the agonizing (and expensive) process of rebuilding. Add the pandemic on top of all of the rest of what's happened to us and you could say that our resources are limited at best. I saw the article on ksl.com this morning about a possible one-time property-tax levy to pay for body cams for all SLC police officers. We respect and support our police and believe that body cams are almost a necessity in today's social climate--but please, please try to find a way to pay for them that doesn't involve increasing our taxes! We can make our prepayments as long as we don't spend too much on groceries or medicine, but if you folks slap us with another increase that may not continue to be the case. We would like to enjoy our newly rebuilt home without worrying about whether we will be able to stay in it for another year. I don't know where we would be able to go if we were forced to sell because we can't pay the property taxes. We are not as familiar with the funds that are available to the city as perhaps we should be, but we hope that there may be an alternate way to find funds for this very important piece of equipment for our hard-working and dedicated police force without forcing out people who support what you're trying to accomplish. Please remember us and others like us when you deliberate.

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6/11/2020 17:32	Darius Bost	<p>My name is Darius Bost. I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me as a black man who has experienced brutality and racial profiling by the police many times throughout my life. I do not feel safe around the police, and I do not feel that they are here to protect or serve me. The systemic racism within police departments nationwide demands more equitable systems of public safety and accountability. Minneapolis has committed to dismantling the police and creating community-based public safety measures. Salt Lake City could use the money from cutting the police budget to do the same. This is the only way to bring justice for the many lives the Salt Lake City Police department has taken with impunity, and to take a step to repairing the years of unequal policing in black and brown communities. This is also important to me as an educator. The coronavirus pandemic has revealed how socioeconomic inequalities continue to impact K-12 and higher education, and recent reporting has shown the differing impact school closures has had on home-schooled students along racial and class lines. Yet state and local governments continue to shrink education budgets. Socioeconomic inequalities in education existed long before the virus appeared because of state divestment in its most vulnerable communities, as well as de facto forms of segregation that keep poor students and students of color in neighborhood schools with unequal support. If the city council would cut \$30 million dollars from the police budget, that money could be used to help eliminate inequalities in education, especially for minority and low-income serving institutions, as well as to strengthen diversity in the curriculum. Anti-racist education remains a priority to end systemic oppression against minority communities. The racial health disparities amid the coronavirus pandemic also reflect this lack of investment in low-income communities and communities of color. The disproportionate impact of the virus on black, brown, and indigenous communities is not about cultural deviance or genetic difference, but socioeconomic inequality and histories of medical apartheid. Rather than surveilling, over-policing, and incarcerating these communities as a solution to managing the crises that a lack of investment has caused, the city council could take a stand for democracy and equality by reinvesting \$30 million dollars in health and human services that will ensure a social safety net for Salt Lake city's most vulnerable citizens. If you are really outraged about the death of George Floyd, and are committed to black life mattering, you will defund the police and redistribute city funding towards policies and programs that support life rather than devalue it along the lines of race and class. Thank you for your time.</p>

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6/11/2020 17:34	Damon Talbot	<p>I write to you tonight as a resident of the fifth district in Salt Lake City. Tonight you heard from dozens of my neighbors. We all share the same goal; Make Salt Lake City a safer community for all of us. We bell've this can only be done by the systematic and deliberate defunding and reduction in the Salt Lake City Police Department. I've been a supporter of "thin blue line" and honored slain officers for years, including the officer recently in Ogden. This past week's protests nationwide, and here locally have completely changed my perspective. We have seen officers shoot non-lethal rounds at People'sitting peacefully exercising their rights to assemble. We have seen them assaulting people. We saw them create terror and fear in our community. This is unacceptable. We have for years heard the same tune being said by officials currently "we will address these issues, but in a better time and place" which has never happened. I don't support the looting, violence, and aggressive destruction of some of the protests but I understand it. it's time for actual accountability. Officers who perform misconduct need to be fired and arrested if it's criminal in nature. Officers who are "good cops" must not remain silent as that's just as bad. This isn't just about race, its a systemic issue of inequity based on all kinds of factors; socioeconomic, race, religion, politics, all have been used by police for decisions that should only be judged against the laws. I hope that this time things continue until AFTER changes are made, not just promises to talk about it. Tonight though after watching the presentation by the SLCPD during the work session I'must also demand the resignation or firing of Chief Brown. During his presentation, there were numerous lies, omissions, or half-truths used to paint an inaccurate picture. Firstly, in regards to "rubber bullets," he responded that those are against department policy. He then explained further they are allowed to use "hard foam bullets" as if that is any better. The fact that he would use semantics to defend the outrageous actions of the police shooting multiple persons during the protests is disgusting. What this distinction between 'rubber' or 'foam' bullets tells me is the Chief does not understand the fundamental issue isn't the ammunition used but the fact we should NEVER be shooting ANYONE other than a life or death situation. Secondly, is the claim that the department does not have a problem with "systemic racI'm" just weeks after yet another minority was shot and killed by an officer in this city. The fact he would boldly make this statement rather than acknowledge that we ALL have much work to do in this area. Systemic racI'm is not just the acts that you do, but those that you do not stand up against. The fact Chief Brown thinks were having no improvements to make is troubling at best, and freighting at worst. Council, I hope that these last two weeks of protests, emails like mine, and the late-night council sessions with dozens of your constituents calling for defunding and abolishing the police department, and the removal of Chief Brown will not be ignored.</p>
6/11/2020 17:41	Deedee Olsen	<p>I am a WORKER IN Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year</p>

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6/11/2020 17:43	McKenzie Cravens	Hello, My name is McKenzie Cravens. I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I want my future adopted children to grow up in a state and society without having the traumatizing fear of police power and their weapons. Whether or not the police get defunded, I think that the police system needs some major restructuring. Starting with the education and training to be extended to more than just 21 weeks. We need proper education and proper training for our law enforcement. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into the people, normal civilians who have suffered from not only the Earthquake, but from Covid-19. I also hope you I'vest the money into making larger or even more homeless shelters. As well as, I'vesting the money into education systems. I hope you listen to your people. Sincerely, McKenzie Cravens
6/11/2020 17:44	Kenzie Smith	I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,
6/11/2020 17:45	Keona-Okelnl'ventura-Smith	Hello, My name is Keona-Okelani'ventura-Smith and I am a resident. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand before the final vote, the city makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD's by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is very important to me because there are many other projects that the money can go towards, thus making the community a better place for everyone. I hope instead you I'vest \$30 million in education, homelessness, etc. Thank you so much for your time. Sincerely, Keona-Okelnl'ventura-Smith



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6/11/2020 17:50	Kerry McCrackin	Hello, My name is Kerry McCrackin and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I'm emailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least 30 million and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the Mayor, Erin Mendenhall, maintains a zero hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I believe this money could be diversified in areas to create better opportunities for our communities. I hope instead you invest 30 million into Arts in Education within school districts, as this is proven to have social, academic, and emotional benefits, as well as learning empathy for others. I hope you will invest in paying teachers a higher salary. That you invest in housing the homeless, not only providing more shelters but creating more meal and job opportunities to keep them safe and off the street. And lastly, I hope you invest in feeding families and residents in need. As no one should have to worry about their next meal. I hope we can invest this 30 million to build a safer, stronger, and brighter community. Thank you so much for your time, Kerry McCrackin
6/11/2020 17:50	Kerry Mullin	I am a resident of South Salt Lake. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform. We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Kerry Mullin
6/11/2020 17:54	Kevin Nemelka	Hi Mayor Mendenhall, My name is Kev Nemelka, I'm an Salt Lake City resident and I'm emailing regarding the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. THIS CUT WOULD ONLY PUT THE POLICE FORCE BACK 10 YEARS. CONSIDER HOW MANY YEARS THE PRESIDENT AND POLICE VIOLENCE HAVE PUT BACK OUR SOCIETY. I hope instead, you invest \$30 million in education. My wife is a school teacher and has taught at four schools now, NONE OF WHICH HAVE HAD PROPER RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES. There should be 2 teaching aids per classroom. \$30m would help hire over 200 full-time teachers, and even more teacher aids. Please consider this shift in funds. WE DO NOT NEED MORE COPS. We need more investment in the community, not in toxic masculinity that terrorizes communities. Sincerely, Kev Nemelka

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6/11/2020 18:00	Kiara Kirton	Hello, My name is Kiara Kirton and I am a resident in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I feel like redirecting resources back into the community would, could, and has decreased crime rates. More effective than hiring more negligent police, who require less hours to carry a gun and be ignorant of the law, than it does to legally be able to give somebody a haircut. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million into community centered agendas. Maybe better school supplies for low income schools. There are teachers paying for supplies out of their own pockets. \$30 million was the Utah's school's budget cut due to the corona virus. Sincerely, Kiara Kirton
6/11/2020 18:06	Kimberly Christenson	Hello, I am a resident of Lehi, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Kimberly Christenson [REDACTED] Sent from my iPhone

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6/11/2020 18:05	Kiley Morgan	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, District 1. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the Salt Lake City Police Department. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the homeless, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,
6/11/2020 18:09	Kimberly Christenson	Hello, I am a resident of Lehi, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,

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6/11/2020 18:14	Kim Natural	Hello, My name is Kim Natural and I am a constituent of yours and a registered nurse at the University of Utah Hospital. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I strongly bell've that we do not need to allocate more money to militazie the SLCPD. This money would be better spent for education, providing services for the homeless, and creating/maintaining mental health services in the city. As a nurse on the front lines I've seen the need for these specific resources far more than a desire for a stronger police presence in the community. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Thank you for your time. Kim Natural
6/11/2020 18:19	Kimberly Rodriguez	Hello, My name is Kim Rodriguez and I am a current resident, student and employee in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I have young nieces and nephews who be the next generation to have to deal with the level of disrespect and brutality your police force evokes on their residents. There are better uses for our money to be put to use instead of weapons to beat peaceful protestors wanting a change. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in the education system that these kids need to become the generation to end all this unnecessary systemic racI'm you have built. Please think about your kids, think about their future. Sincerely, Kimberly Rodriguez
6/11/2020 18:21	Kimberly Giles	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time,
6/11/2020 18:57	alex bennett	if the police are defunded. history says that property owners will berequired to shoot criminals. cuz i will have no one to call for help. so , fund or defund, either way will not matter to me. just historical facts.

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6/11/2020 19:26	Kimberly Gillett	Hello, My name is Kimberly Gillett and I am a RESIDENT OF Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in EDUCATION. Sincerely, Kimberly Gillett Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 19:52	Alex Johnson	I am calling in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I hope instead you I'vest \$30 million in education, hiring new teachers and giving all teachers raises, rent relief, health insurance, therapy and other mental health programs, food and urban agriculture.
6/11/2020 20:02	Devin B	I am a resident of West Jordan]. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.
6/11/2020 20:06	Dwight Barrett	I am opposed to de-funding the police, The police are a necessary part of society. The police keep law and order. The police keep the bad guys away from my door. The police protect all of us from the bad people in society. The police need all of the thanks from all of the citizens on a daily bases I see the city of LA just cut \$150 million dollars from the police budget. LA was a city of violence and now violence will explode. I predict all crime will increase. I predict the citizens who can move out of LA will do so. No people can function with that much violence. There must be law order for society to function When there is no law and order anarchy will take over society and everyone will fend for themselves. What ever you people do keep our police force fully staffed and property paid. The police are doing a fine job trying to handle riot with all of the restraints placed on them. What ever you do keep our police in tact and fully funded and if anything pay them more money and treat them better.

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6/11/2020 20:10	Dylan Sands	I am a resident of downtown Salt Lake City and a constituent of Chris Wharton's District 3. I am writing today in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million and rel'vest those resources in proven public services that support our communities directly. I demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and that the Salt Lake City Council follow the lead of the Minneapolis City Council's pledge announced yesterday to dl'mantle their police department and develop public safety protocols that ACTUALLY keep us safe, particularly the black and brown members of our communities. Defunding, disarming, and dl'mantling our police department is the first step towards overhauling a criminal justice system that is racist, violent, and brutal by design. I demand that at least \$30 million of the police budget go towards affordable housing, community health care, education programs that work to cut off the flow of black and brown bodies into the school-to-prison pipeline, access to clean, healthy food, and climate justice. This is important to me as a constituent because it is a necessary gesture of intent to create real, measurable equality in our community.

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6/11/2020 20:17	Evelyn Haupt	<p>I reside in downtown SLC, District 4, and I would like to add my voice once again, to the issue of the imbalance in our city of funding our police department over the needs of our community. I want to bell've our cops have the best intentions; however, we have seen time and time again, that the structure of current police departments in America are failing the common people. As a country, 1,004 people were killed by police in 2019. In 2018, the US saw 1,000 fatalities by the hand of police departments as compared to 11 in Germany, 6 in Sweden, 3 in the UK, and 1 in New Zealand. We also have the highest number of prisoners, higher arrest rates, and highest deaths in custody. (CNN). With a record amount of fatalities by Utah police in 2018, followed by the deaths in 2019 of Cindreia Europe, Harold Robinson, Bobby Duckworth, and obviously, this year's most recent shooting of Berndardo Palacios-Carbajal, we know that our attempts to fix a broken system are not working. Rather than growing our police department, Let's focus on ways to minimize it'significantly and use those resources towards a variety of first response methods, increasing community support, and public school funding. Not every situation is best served by calling the police. Local crisis intervention teams are better equipped to help intoxicated persons in a moment of crisis. Imagine if a first responder trained in mental health had been called to help Bobby Duckworth or Harold Robinson rather than a police officer with much less training both on de-escalation and mental health? Or if there was another way of helping people on the road be aware of brake lights being out without involving the police? Community support to me looks like providing more funding and resources to the UMOCA, to LGBTQ support groups, suicide hotlines (in 2018, we were 5th in the nation for highest suicide rates), homeless support, refugee programs, domestic abuse safe houses, and so much more. As for schools, according to ACLU Civil Rights Data Collection, 1.7 million students in the US go to school with cops but no counselors. 3 million go to school with cops but no nurses. 6 million go to school with cops but no school psychologists. My daughter has ONE counselor at her school as per the bill that was passed just last year allowing schools to have 1 counselor with no regard to student-to counselor-ratio. Additionally this last year, our school lost funding for a social worker, since it is unexplainably not included in government funding. And we all know that Utah public schools come in LAST in the nation in funding per student. Our students do not need cops to help them follow the rules, they need trained mental, emotional and social professionals to help them become good citizens. I truly bell've that all of you took this position to make our city a better place, and I also bell've that this time is possibly the biggest opportunity to do so. You are in the right place, at the right time. Please, I beg you to act in the best interest of our future and our children's future. We call for funding our community instead of increasing police resources to tip the scale to reflect the actual interests and safety of your constituents. We call for a better system, a healthier state of living, and a safer place to live.</p>



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6/11/2020 20:20	Eve Rickles	I am a resident of District 5. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.
6/11/2020 20:24	Emma Goldgar	I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here?they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Your community is placing their trust in them to do the right thing. Please don't let us down.

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6/11/2020 20:26	Emily Seibert	I am a resident of SLC. I am writing in reference to the SLC 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I think we need to invest more in services that are trained to handle specific community needs. I want to demilitarize our police - and reduce the chance of systemic racism and mass incarceration of Black people. I hope that instead of investing in the SLCPD that has shown racist action against Black people and POC in our community, you invest 30 million in homelessness services, medical response services, and education. Thank you so much for your time.
6/11/2020 20:28	Emilie Jordao	I'm a resident of Salt Lake City, zip 84111. I know the council will soon be voting on the 2021 city budget proposed by the mayor. I'd like to express my concern over the 2021 proposed budget, especially when it comes to the nearly \$85 million allocated to SLCPD. As you've recently seen, the majority of people in SLC opposes this enormous police budget. Rather, we'd like to see the SLCPD defunded in \$30 million and this money re-allocated to education, low-income housing/rent relief, medical insurance or PPE for professionals, mental health, and food safety resources. Let's treat the roots of inequality instead of policing black and brown communities.
6/11/2020 20:33	Ellie Smith	I live in Sugarhouse in SLC. I am currently listening to the public forum of the city council meeting. I support the request that funds be rerouted from the police to social services including education, mental health support, and reducing homelessness. In 2019 it was \$74m, \$10m less than requested today. I would like to see a minimum of \$10m rerouted but support many SLC resident's requests for a reduction of \$30m. I do not support Chief Michael Brown's belief that there is not systematic racism in the police department and would like to see him step down. I support a hiring freeze in the department for the next year. Also, I do not support reducing the funding of the Sustainability Department. I request that the department receive at least \$19m in funding as it did this past fiscal year at a minimum, if not further expanded. Based on the survey results at the end of 2019, they provide a valuable service that the majority of the community uses and appreciates. Beyond that, there are plenty of projects that the department can head to make SLC more sustainable going forward. For example, the city does not provide composting services for apartment buildings or large complexes at this time. Actions to combat climate change cannot wait.
6/11/2020 20:34	Elizabeth Sutton	ALTHOUGH YOU APPEAR RESISTANT TO THE WISHES OF YOUR COMMUNITY, I AGAIN ask you NOT to increase the budget for SLPD, but to DECREASE their funding and reallocate those funds to better benefit the mental health of our community. Police DO NOT need to be present for every 911 call, for every minor traffic accident, for patrolling neighborhoods, etc. We need only a small team (not a "force"), dedicated to IN PROGRESS crime and detectives to investigate afterwards. PLEASE listen to your community and help us make our city safer, as our police FORCE have time and time again proven to escalate the tension and violence in our community.

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6/11/2020 20:37	Elizabeth Estrada-Murillo	I am writing to you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic rac'l'm between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, the change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dl'missive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place.
6/11/2020 20:39	Elizabeth Allen Chauca	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because over policing hurts the unsheltered population, black, indigenous, and other residents of color,and threatens freedom of speech. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in services for the sheltering of homeless residents and mental and medical health services.

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6/11/2020 20:43	Elizabeth Briggs	<p>I am a community member of Salt Lake City. I'm writing to you in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I have learned that more black people in the state of Utah are disproportionately killed by police, per capita than any other state. These lives matter. I hope instead you I'vest the \$30 million to cover community resources for mental health, social work, homelessness reduction initiatives, medical access and education. In addition, it's painfully clear that we need toreform the way that we police our communities. The below solutions offer a way to move forward: Other Demands ? Require police training to address racial biases ? Accountability for officers in a transparent way (empower citizen review boards) ? Ban chokeholds &amp; strangleholds ? Require deescalation training ? Require warning before shooting ? Exhaust all alternatives before shooting (i.e. pepper spray, tranquilizers, stun guns) ? Ban shooting at moving vehicles ? Require use of force continuum ? Duty to intervene ? Require comprehensive reporting I would also like to address the shooting of Bernardo Palacios. The body cam footage released on Friday, June 5th from the officer involved shooting of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal on May 23rd was absolutely horrifying. The officers displayed a complete disregard for human life when they shot him 20 times in the back, reloaded their gun and screamed at his lifeless body, ?Show me your f---ing hands!?</p> <p>The officers who killed Bernardo behaved like lawless, belligerent, rage-induced monsters and they have no business patrolling our streets, let alone patrolling our streets with guns. As long as the officers who unloaded their guns into Bernardo?s back are not held accountable and remain employed at the Salt Lake City Police Department I will not feel safe, and I will protest their employment. The body cam footage says it all, there is nothing else we need to know, nothing an I'vestigation can'tell us that will change the course of this devastating, fatal and entirely preventable encounter. The officers must resign. Furthermore, in his statement after the release of the video, Chief Mike Brown expressed no compassion for the friends and family of Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal. He expressed only love to the men and women of the Salt Lake City Police Department. Who is he serving and protecting? Thank you for your time, thank you for your support, and thank you for you service.</p>

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6/11/2020 20:46	Eliza Zenger	I am a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me.
6/11/2020 20:48	Elise Poulson	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year.
6/11/2020 20:53	Eden Brush	I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because an institution that has its roots in the enforcement of slavery and the mass incarceration and oppression of Black and Brown People'should not be funded. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in affordable housing, education, transportation, and healthcare.
6/11/2020 21:20	Agnes Marszalik	I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. The 2020-21 budget lists the following items as responsibilities of the police department: school resource, social workers, crisis intervention, and homeless. I do not bell've these items should be within the police department. These should be in separate departments more focused on community. Ideas to reduce the police budget include the following: no hiring of new officers or replacement of fired or resigned officers, fully cut funding for public relations, suspend the use of paid administrative leave for cops under I'vestigation, end police contracts with any private surveillance companies, end the militarization of Black and brown neighborhoods by ending neighborhood policing, remove police from schools, and repeal local ordinances that criminalize the occupation of public spaces. Instead, I'vest in community-based public safety approaches, including non-carceral violence prevention and intervention programs and skills-based education on bystander intervention, consent and boundaries, and healthy relationships, provide safe housing access to everyone, and health (including mental health) resources.

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6/11/2020 16:29	Markel Martinez	Hello, My name is Markel and I am a resident of Salt Lake City council district 5. I am emailing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I request that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the Salt Lake City Police Department's budget and reallocate the money to community services. I also request that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because there are yearly budget cuts to important community services like homeless shelters, SNAP benefits and I think most importantly, K-12 education. I hope you instead I'vest in community programs that will uplift Salt Lake City citizens and inspire lasting change without reliance or dependence on the Salt Lake City Police department. Thank you for your time, hope you stay well. Markel
6/11/2020 16:36	Lisa Dickman	Hello, My name is Lisa Dickman and I am a resident ans business owner in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because far too much money is going towards police and peoples pockets and not enough to strengthening communities with support structures, social workers, teachers, etc, I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in communities and schools. Sincerely, Lisa Dickman, LCSW
6/11/2020 16:30	Mary Taylor	Hello, My name is Mary Taylor and I am a proud resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I fear for the people I love. And I would rather see a program that succeeds in uplifting and protecting this city. I hope instead, you I'vest \$30 million in affordable housing, education, and healthcare to make the residence of this city as powerful as they can be. Sincerely, Mary Taylor Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 16:39	Andy Leonard	. I've lived in Salt Lake city'since 1988 and the Avenues since 2005. I?ll be quick and to the point as I'm guessing you all are as busy as we are right now. If the City Council and the Mayor cut the police Department's budget to the point where it affects how they operate and train you will likely lose a concerning amount of police officers. The police department is currently funded at a level that could be described as ?minimum comfort level?. They have mostly what they need and are getting by. Please don't succumb to the political pressure and cut funding from what is possibly one of the most progressive well run police departments in the country. Most of the demands being made of police departments around the country have already been implemented by the SLCPD. don't cave to what I bell've is the loud minority. I would not be surprised to hear most residents of SLC support the police and don't want their budget cut.

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6/11/2020 16:38	Leslie Barbosa	Hello, I am writing you today to discuss public funding for the future of our beloved Salt Lake City. Taking a look at the projected budget for FY 20-21, I see that the mayor has allocated nearly 85 million dollars for the Salt Lake City Police Department, while housing is receiving 23,248,016 and transit is receiving 4,700,00. This is absolutely unacceptable. These numbers represent a 16% increase in police funding since 2018. Most Black residents, residents of color, and LGBTQ residents have witnessed the violence and carelessness of the police here-they are violent in the face non-violence and peaceful protesting. There is a direct link of systematic racism between over-policing impoverished communities of color and under-funding affordable housing and public transportation. Without these basic everyday necessities, people cannot succeed or live dignified lives. Respectfully, change will only happen if money is allocated towards resources which will help communities thrive and heal, rather than face unnecessary violence, hostility, and tension. Our communities deserve better than this. If the Salt Lake City government claims to care about its residents of color, they should directly address this fixable issue. Our libraries, housing, transit, social welfare programs, and community centers are in dire need of financial and tangible support. We've seen Salt Lake City take wonderful action in the past to support its residents, and now is an important time to continue this trend. How can we allocate funding towards community and transformative justice? How can we help Black residents feel safer in their own streets? This is a conversation about equity and geographic equity, issues I know the mayor is actively working on. Police brutality and lack of accountability for the police should be centered in the conversation. I send this message with love and hope for all of Salt Lake City. Please listen to the people in their demands for a just society that greets the plea for change not with dismissive violence, but with a deeper understanding of the systemic conditions that elicit these demands in the first place. Sincerely, Leslie Barbosa
6/11/2020 16:30	George Henry Jr	Hi Austin and Chris: As I mentioned in my phone call earlier this morning, I wanted to contact Councilman Wharton, and let him know, that I, as an African-American gay man who lives in District 3, do not support defunding the police department in Salt Lake City. I believe that we need more racially sensitive policing, and more multi cultural training, which I believe can be achieved by calm and rational action on the part of the City Council. I believe that we need transparency in the police department, civilian oversight, and training police officers, and holding the police, as well as everyone else accountable for their actions. Just so you know, I grew up in Salt Lake City, went to South High School, and graduated from the University of Utah, and taught U.S. history in the public and private schools of Salt Lake City, and I taught in the Department of History at the University of Utah. I have been pulled over by the police, questioned if I was lost? in my own neighborhood. However, I have also seen some outstanding examples of extraordinary policing in Salt Lake City. The Resource officers I worked with at East High School, were amazing. Greg Wilking of the SLCPD whom I taught in High School is a shining example of what good policing can be. We have come to expect the Police departments in this nation to deal with all the undesirable problems in our cities?homelessness, drug addiction, mental health issues. I believe that we all are responsible to solve these issues. I would go so far as to support a tax increase to provide help in these areas. I am willing to become more politically active if needed. You can reach me at the above email, or by telephone . My address is . Thanks so much for all you do for our district. Keep up the good work. don't hesitate to contact me, however, I realize that you are currently bombarded. George W Henry Jr



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6/11/2020 16:39	Kadie Egbert	Hello, My name is Kadie Egbert and I am a graduate student and healthcare worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because this will force the police departments and system to rebuild in order to receive funding. Utah police kill black lives at a higher proportion to percentage of population than any other state in the Us. I hope instead, you l'vest \$30 million in the school system and increasing access to quality education for people of low SES and POC. Additionally, teachers, not cops, need to be paid more! Sincerely, Kadie Egbert-Brown Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 16:35	Maryhelen Harkis	Hello, I am a resident of SLC. I am writing to demand that the City Council adopt a People's Budget that prioritizes community wellbeing and redirects funding away from the police. We are in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence of policing, embodied by the SLCPD's well documented history of murdering Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of reform.? We are demanding that our voices be heard now, and that real change be made to the way this city allocates its resources. Support for communities in need is necessary now, more than ever. But instead, the Mayor has proposed an increase in funding to the SLCPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. The SLCPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, people of color. We demand that the City Council defund the SLCPD. We join the calls of those across the country to #DefundThePolice. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk Utahans during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police forces that tear them apart. Although City Council has avoided voting or revising Mayor Mendenhall's draconian budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the SLC budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Public opinion is with me. Thank you for your time, Maryhelen Harkis

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6/11/2020 17:02	Michael Allen	<p>Sorry, I copy-pasted my notes too quickly. This comment has more complete sentences, and more links: I commented last time on the audit of Utah's police force. I'll summarize that in 2019, the office of the state auditor found &lt;<a href="https://reporting.auditor.utah.gov/servlet.FileDownload?file=0151K000003I9UWQAY">https://reporting.auditor.utah.gov/servlet.FileDownload?file=0151K000003I9UWQAY</a>&gt; of Utah police officers, that disciplinary action was consistently worse than other states. for example, disciplinary action for: Use/possession of a controlled substance * resulted in revocation of police licenses 100% of the time in other examined states, * while 18% of offenders in our state had licenses revoked, and instead received letters of caution, or suspensions of licenses lasting 3 years or less. When you have hard numbers showing we don't discipline our officers as much as other states, I don't think it's too important how much Police chief Mike Brown bell'ves in his police force?s training, or bell'ves we have the best police force in the country. The hard data suggest otherwise, and it just makes me feel defeated. On another note, looking at that disciplinary record for our police across the nation, I am just so scared that nothing is going to happen as a result of Bernardo Palacio?s death. Like, nothing. I'm willing to bet that the entire council, being so close to government, knows that nothing is really gonna happen with his death in terms of punishments to the police. Salt lake city is in a unique position compared to the rest of the state of Utah. Utah is conservative. Salt lake city is not. We are is far more progressive than the state, and we are way more progressive than even the county. We are seen as the progressive bastion of Utah politics and I think this time of unprecedented activist activity nationwide is a good opportunity to act on it. If we need to find responsibilities to shift away from the police, I think the city council should also look at removing responsibilities and not reassigning them. Just let them die. Save the time, save the money. 1 of 2 *Continued Below*</p>

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6/11/2020 17:02	Michael Allen	<p>2 of 2 *Continued Above* I think you should make it'so salt lake city'stops making arrests and charges for marijuana possession. Baltimore &lt;<a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/29/us/baltimore-marijuana-possession.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/29/us/baltimore-marijuana-possession.html</a>&gt; , Austin, TX city council &lt;<a href="https://www.texastribune.org/2020/01/23/austin-texas-will-stop-arrests-tickets-low-level-marijuana-cases/">https://www.texastribune.org/2020/01/23/austin-texas-will-stop-arrests-tickets-low-level-marijuana-cases/</a>&gt; , Marion County &lt;<a href="https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/463692-most-populous-county-in-indiana-will-no-longer-prosecute-for-possession">https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/463692-most-populous-county-in-indiana-will-no-longer-prosecute-for-possession</a>&gt; (the largest in Indiana), Douglas County &lt;<a href="https://www.kshb.com/news/local-news/douglas-county-to-no-longer-prosecute-simple-marijuana-possession">https://www.kshb.com/news/local-news/douglas-county-to-no-longer-prosecute-simple-marijuana-possession</a>&gt; in Kansas, St. Louis &lt;<a href="https://www.riverfronttimes.com/newsblog/2018/06/13/st-louis-will-no-longer-prosecute-marijuana-possession-under-100-grams">https://www.riverfronttimes.com/newsblog/2018/06/13/st-louis-will-no-longer-prosecute-marijuana-possession-under-100-grams</a>&gt; , MI, Manhattan, NY &lt;<a href="https://www.wnyc.org/story/manhattan-das-office-will-no-longer-prosecute-marijuana-arrests/">https://www.wnyc.org/story/manhattan-das-office-will-no-longer-prosecute-marijuana-arrests/</a>&gt; , over 10 states have outright legalization. My friend Pedro Padilla-Martinez put together data with funding from the U of U's Office of Undergraduate Research. He presented &lt;<a href="https://our.utah.edu/undergraduate-research-symposi'm-2020/pedro-padilla-martinez/">https://our.utah.edu/undergraduate-research-symposi'm-2020/pedro-padilla-martinez/</a>&gt; that over 90% of marijuana arrests in Utah are just for possession. He interned with the ACLU, and the ACLU found that in 2010 &lt;<a href="https://www.aclu.org/sites/default/files/field_document/1114413-mj-report-rfs-rel1.pdf">https://www.aclu.org/sites/default/files/field_document/1114413-mj-report-rfs-rel1.pdf</a>&gt; , over 1/3 of drug arrests were for weed, and \$14 million was spent enforcing marijuana possession laws in Utah, and if we want to talk about systemic rac'l'm, they showed that black folks were 2.6x more likely to be arrested for possession than white folks in our county. Pause and think about how cool that would be for salt lake city to out-of-the-blue to get rid of police responsibilities for policing 1/3 of all of our drug charges for a substance which is seen as an essential business in other states. That'd be awesome These policies are typically brought about by a police chief, a district attorney, or a city council * In a ride-along with the south salt lake police chief, I personally decided that bringing it up with him didn't stand a chance. He was south salt lake, not SLC, but I gathered police were a dead end. * Salt Lake County DA Sim Gill was asked about this at a panel Pedro and I helped put together, my understanding of what he said was basically said ?the county is too conservative for me to get elected if I do that? * Now I'm looking to the council. From how the police and DA responded, I'm not hopeful, but if you think this is even remotely reasonable, please let me know and I can draft the policy for free, in my free time. I've drafted bylaws and constitutions for a student group at the U, and the policies I'm talking about are typically only 1-2 pages. Just say the word. Again, by our city deciding to not enforce marijuana possession, we can save the police time, we can cut their budget, and save ourselves from the inevitable news headline that will call Salt Lake City out on discriminatory marijuana policing. I'll give you a couple different drafts of the policy even - to varying degrees of strictness.</p>
6/11/2020 16:49	Megan Karis	<p>Hello, My name is Megan Karis and I am a worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we need to I'vest in social services if We're going to see real change. We don't need a militarized police force to use violence to solve social issues. Sincerely, Megan Karis</p>

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6/11/2020 16:49	Megan Morton	Hello, My name is Megan Morton and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in resources for the homeless, community centers and outreach programs in lower income neighborhoods, and programs that help the lgbtq+ communities. Sincerely, Megan Morton
6/11/2020 16:50	Megan Peterson	Hi, My name is Megan Peterson and I am a recent graduate and worker in Salt Lake City. I'm contacting you in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least \$30 million and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because I am tired of seeing members of my community hurt and even murdered by the police. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in mental health resources, resources for people experiencing homelessness, and treatment for substance abuse. Thank you for your time. Megan Peterson
6/11/2020 17:00	Mia Mortensen	Hello, my name is Mia Mortensen. I am a member of the Salt Lake City community, and have been my entire life. I currently work as a recreation therapist in a residential addiction recovery center. I also work part time doing research through the University of Utah on the health and wellness of the homeless population in SLC. I am emailing you in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, SLC makes drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget, and reallocate this money towards community resources. This is important to me, because from my research I've seen the massive gaps of services in our community offered to those who need it the most. This money instead needs to be used for homeless health and wellness, for domestic violence and sexual assault survivor advocacy resources, and most definitely for our public education system where children and youth of our community are developing and creating the next generation. There is so much change that is possible and needed before giving the SLCPD more money. Thank you for your time. Mia Mortensen Sent from my iPhone

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6/11/2020 16:45	Jess Esplin	Hi Council Member, I am your constituent in District 4. I wanted to reach out to you directly and make sure you see my comments below, as well as note that I watched part of the live stream earlier today and saw you stand your ground in questioning Chief Mike Brown. I am glad that you are my representative. Please continue doing all you can'to end police brutality in our city and ensure that interactions with the cops for black and brown bodies is not a death sentence. Thank you, -Jess Esplin ----- F Hi Council Members, I am listening to the public comment being shared during the SLC Council Meeting right now and feel so rell'ved there are so many SLC residents who are calling on you to defund the police and re-l'vest the city's budget in our black and brown communities, including education, health, mental health, community-led public safety services, and other community services. I want to add my voice to theirs in asking you to revise your vision of public safety for our city in a way that benefits the most marginalized communities and demonstrate this through the city's budget. I want to also ask you all to ensure that whatever the police force ends up looking like after changes are made, that it has significant citizen and community oversight and decision-making tools. I appreciate that you all are listening to significant critici'm and for the commi'ment many of you have expressed toward ending police brutality and affl'ming the right of black and brown lives in our community. Thank you for your work as public servants. Please take action now to ensure you are serving the communities who need it most. -Jess Esplin
6/11/2020 23:33	Erica Swenson	Please don't make any drastic cuts to the police budget. Their services are necessary to the downtown area. My husband works in the ER and he's seen officers do everything from gently coax suicidal patients to get help to keeping the ER safe when they deal with dangerous and violent patients. Good cops need to be supported.
6/11/2020 17:12	Mike Sanchez	Hello, My name is Michael Sanchez and I am a resident of Salt Lake City and constituent of yours. I am calling in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million and reallocate the money to community services, especially services that help homelessness, drug addiction, and mental health. I also demand that the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because we do not need a militarized police force and the police are already being asked to do too much. We have pushed our societal failures onto the police department. Police are tasked with dealing with homelessness, mental health, drug addiction, and so much more. These should not be the responsibility of the police but of trained social workers in these particular areas with experience and expertise at treating these issues. We are not safer with larger and more militarized police departments. We are safer with better resources. I hope instead you l'vest the \$30 million in housing, transit, and other public services (again, including resources for homelessness, mental health, and drug addiction) or we will vote you out. -Mike
6/11/2020 17:23	Morgan Enger	Hello, My name is Morgan Enger and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. Sincerely, Morgan Enger

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6/11/2020 17:52	Kevin Mendoza	Hello, My name is Kevin Mendoza and I am a resident of Salt Lake City. I am also vice president of inclusive earth, an organization within the University of Utah I am calling in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before the final vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget by at least \$30 million, reallocating the amount to vital community services. I also demand the mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This may seem drastic, but I bell've the structure of the police department as is no longer has a place in our society. TO BE CLEAR, I am not saying that the community should go without a police force, but the current structure, mission, and bargaining power our police have serves to perpetuate inequality and racist attitudes. I further demand that the requirement of a minimum 4 year degree, deescalation training, and no prior misdemeanors be rigorously enforced requirements of any security-related positions within future enforcement divisions. Police should be well-trained and committed to improving communities, not waging a senseless war against its members. Even though I may disagree with your particular political stances, I respect the enormous experience and responsibility you have as public servants. With that being said, if these conditions aare met in an ineffective manner, I will be at a minimum leading efforts to elect representatives who are more committed to change. If none of these conditions are met, I will be very active in calling for impeachment proceedings. However, I bell've we have common goals, and am hopeful that you will help the Utah's state Government enact meaningful systematic change to historically oppressive institutions Sincerely, -Kevin Mendoza Salt Lake Resident
6/11/2020 17:43	Dena L. O'Neil	I am a retired IRS employee of 40 years. I am also a mother of a Salt Lake City Police Officer. I feel I would be remiss if I didn't contact you to make a few points regarding the possible budget cuts to the police force. The negative ramifications that would result from such an appalling decision expand farther than just affecting the Police Officers themselves. It is an insult to all of the men and women who constantly risk their lives protecting SLC. With budget cuts, who would do this? These folks have shown over and over that they are willing. There has been worry and stress from the friends and families watching from the sidelines, praying their brave, conscientious loved ones are safe and well. Positive support is necessary. Acknowledging their bravery is important. A recent officer's death, a hero in Ogden, is an example of the constant danger the police face everywhere. Why put all police into the same category as those in Minneapolis. Those men were wrong and they are suffering the consequences for their actions. What purpose does it serve to punish all police everywhere? It is a difficult job which their intensive training has prepared them to do. Many could not do the job of a Police Officer. I stand behind the police force of Salt Lake City. Thank you to all of the Police Officers that continue to serve and protect. Please do not go in a negative direction that should only be positive. Do not cut the Police budget.
6/11/2020 16:34	MaryAnne Russell	Hello, My name is MaryAnne Russell and I am an employee of _____. I am writing in reference to the proposed 2020-2021 fiscal budget. Prior to the final vote, the city must make cuts to the SLCPD budget by at least \$30 million, and reallocate the money to other community services. I bell've this is incredibly important because it has become apparent that our police are not playing a role in keeping the community safe, and we are relying on them in instances when we should instead be relying on other resources. We should be providing more funding for housing, public transportation, education, mental health services; doing so would truly ensure public safety. Thank you for your time and consideration. MaryAnne Russell

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6/11/2020 16:32	Jennifer Stout	Hello, My name is Jennifer and I am a resident and worker in Salt Lake City. I am emailing in reference to the 2020-2021 fiscal budget. I demand that before Tuesday's vote, the city make drastic cuts to the SLCPD by at least 30 million, and reallocate the money to community building services. I also demand that the Mayor maintain a hiring freeze on any new police officers throughout the fiscal year. This is important to me because focus needs to be placed on the actual role of a police officer before more are placed on our streets. Police officers have too much on their plates having to handle the roles of mental health care professional, homeless resource counselor, and serving our community. The stress of the job, low pay, being spread too thin and the lack of training for what they are expected to do has created the cop mentality our country and community have witnessed. I hope instead, you I've \$30 million in mental health resources and treatment for our community. I am appalled at the lack of mental health resources available when the need is so severe. Trained professionals should be handling these cases and the majority of the homeless population would fall into that category. We should have mental health counseling and treatment available and comfortable to go to for everyone. Help the individuals in our community become stronger and healthier so that our community can become stronger and healthier as well. Sincerely, Jennifer Stout Sent from my iPhone
6/11/2020 17:05	Josh James	Hello, My name is Josh James. I am a resident of Salt Lake County. I am emailing in regards to the proposed fiscal budget for 2020-2021. As a resident, I am concerned and frankly confused by the amount allocated to the SLCPD, an organization that has proven itself dangerous to citizens, such as Bernardo Palacios-Carbajal, who was unlawfully and wrongfully executed by the SLCPD. Before the final vote, the city must make drastic cuts to the SLCPD's budget. I demand that at least 30 million dollars be taken from the SLCPD budget and rel'vested into our beautiful community and that mayor Mendenhall maintain a hiring freeze on any police officers throughout the fiscal year. The \$30 million needs to be rel'vested into community services, such as COVID19 aid, affordable housing, and implementation of better programs for our unsheltered neighbors. Thank you so much for your time. I hope you will do the right thing. All my best, Josh james
6/11/2020 20:31	Emilie Jordao	I'm a resident of Salt Lake City, zip 84111. I know the council will soon be voting on the 2021 city budget proposed by the mayor. I'd like to express my concern over the 2021 proposed budget, especially when it comes to the nearly \$85 million allocated to SLCPD. As you've recently seen, the majority of people in SLC opposes this enormous police budget. Rather, we'd like to see the SLCPD defunded in \$30 million and this money re-allocated to education, low-income housing/rent relief, medical insurance or PPE for professionals, mental health, and food safety resources. Let's treat the roots of inequality instead of policing black and brown communities.
6/11/2020 20:50	Elisa Anderson	If there is a budget cut in the police force, I fear for our future! I fear even more for our safety! Their mission is ?We will serve as guardians of our community to preserve life, maintain human rights, protect property, and promote individual responsibility and community comml'ment.? If that is their job, why would we want to be diminish the funding and leave them short handed which would put everyone in danger? I will not feel safe being able to go places with my family if the Police Department is minimal! I really hope you will know the HUGE detriment this would cause for the people, the economy, and the community right now and for the future of us and our children! Do not defund the Salt Lake Police Department! Thank you for your time.